



PEACE TALK TRIES REPORTED

Goyt Said To Be Seeking Direct Negotiations

Chiang To Resign?

Nanking, December 29.

China's Nationalist Government was reliably reported today to be seeking direct negotiations with the Communists for a peaceful settlement of the civil war. This development followed the reported refusal of the Soviet Union and the United States to accept Nationalist feelers for mediation, and the reserved attitude said to have been assumed by Great Britain and France.

Many excellently placed quarters today expressed the belief that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek may step down and turn over the reins of Government to General Li Tsung-jon in the near future.

In spite of official denials already made, and probably more to come, reliable sources said that attempts have already been made by the Nationalist Government both in China and Hong Kong to contact Communist quarters to get negotiations started.

The arrival here of the Governor of Shanghai, General Yen Hsi-shan, known as a "fence sitter," who fought the Communists always with an eye to a possible compromise, was said to be in answer to a summons from President Chiang Kai-shek after the Government changed its efforts from third party mediation to direct negotiations with the Communists.

No Confirmation

It is as yet impossible to confirm what exactly the Generalissimo's intentions. An approach to the Government spokesman was considered useless because he would normally deny such a report even if it is true, until the moment it actually happens.

Gathering from private talks with a number of excellently placed sources the chances of the belief that the Generalissimo may step down are as follows:

(1) The Generalissimo's verbal understanding with Premier Sun

Gold Yuan Conversion Into Gold To Be Resumed Next Year

Nanking, December 29.

In an effort to halt rapidly rising prices in Nationalist China's latest economic crisis, Dr. Sun Fo's full Cabinet at a meeting today decided to resume from January 5 free conversion into gold of the inflated Gold Yuan currency.

No official announcement was made after the Cabinet meeting about the new conversion rate.

It was officially stated, however, that the Cabinet considered that a tax to balance the great disparity between the official conversion rate (GY2,000 per ounce) and the black market price (GY8,000 in Shanghai today) should be levied on Yuan depositors.

The Finance Ministry and the Central Bank of China are expected to draft regulations in accordance with the Cabinet's views.

Conversion was temporarily suspended last week as a result of the gold rush on Shanghai banks, which took toll of seven dead and about a hundred injured.

The Cabinet today also appointed three new Vice-Ministers and two Provincial Governors.

The most important was the unexpected appointment of General Chen Cheng as Pro-

vincial Governor of Formosa. General Chen was Chief of Staff during the Nationalist defeat in Manchuria and had been severely criticized by Manchurian legislators.

Formosa and Canton were two places where observers considered President Chiang might remove his Government if Nanking fell to the Communists.

Exodus of some prominent people and of wives of some Government officials to Formosa was recently reported.—Reuter-AAP.

CONFERENCE

Nanking, December 29.

An emergency conference of regional military leaders tonight planned important developments in China's future.—Associated Press.

Red Reassurances

Shanghai, December 29.

The Chinese Communists, in mimeographed circulars, have promised protection to United States nationals and their interests, but warned they considered aid to the Nationalists as a hostile act.

Both the reassurance and warning were included in circulars mailed here to American and other foreign firms.

For several months, somewhat similar circulars have been received periodically by foreign businesses from Red Headquarters in Hong Kong, but this was the first time they originated from here.

The circulars bore the heading, "From the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party." Since this Committee is believed to be somewhere in North China, and since the circulars bore a January 21, 1948 date, it is believed the message was prepared or approved by the Committee in North China and

smuggled into Nationalist China for belated mailing.

The circulars drew attention that on January 1, 1947 the Communist Committee announced it would not accept the traitorous foreign policy adopted by the Kuomintang Government.

They claimed that deals between the United States and the Chinese Nationalists had been made for the protection of Shanghai and Tientsin and warned the Reds would not recognize them. No such deals have been admitted here.

The circular continued that the Chinese Reds, view grants of American military and economic aid to the KMT Government as a hostile act on the part of the United States, for which the United States must bear the responsibility for its ill consequences as a result of the American military invasion upon the territorial integrity of China.

(That was as near as the translators could translate this portion of the circular).

Red Protection

The circular said the Chinese Communists and Democratic Government in the liberated areas and the whole body of Chinese citizens are sincerely willing to establish equitable friendly relations with foreign powers, including the United States, and will protect their nationals and the interest of their nationals in China, but will in no case tolerate invasion upon Chinese territorial integrity by anybody.

The circular was not received by all foreign firms and it was noted that the firms which did not get previous Hong Kong circulars also did not receive the Shanghai circulars. These include many of the largest companies in every line of business.

Somewhat similar circulars also have been received by foreign firms in Tientsin. However, they were like earlier circulars distributed in Peking and Tientsin which promised protection to foreign nationals and their interests, but warned against sabotage. The Tientsin circulars were under the heading, "From the Tientsin Municipal Committee of the East China Liberation Army."—Associated Press.

Princess Attends BBC Play

London, December 29.

Princess Elizabeth had her first evening outing since her baby was born six weeks ago when she went to see "Much Binding in the Marsh" at the BBC last night.

With her went the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen and Princess Margaret.

Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne, stars of the show, cracked jokes about the visit but listeners could only guess at their meaning.

Murdoch said: "We have some very special visitors here tonight." After "I had a chance for Christmas, I am going to climb a tree outside Buckingham Palace and take a photograph of a pram."

Maurice Denham (Dudley Davenport) said: "I do feel nervous. I feel as if I was in the presence of royalty."

Before closing the chorus, the orchestra played the first few bars of "Here's health unto His Majesty." When the last verse of the chorus ended, the orchestra went on playing.

Kenneth said to Richard: "Go on Murdoch, say it!"

Murdoch murmured: "All right then."

Then he shouted: "Good old Charlie, Princess Elizabeth, the Duke, the Queen and Princess Margaret all joined in the applause and laughter, which greeted the play."

Afterwards the cast were presented to the Royal party and the Queen told Murdoch "The King was very sorry he could not come. He asked 'Can I come when I am better?' He is listening at home."

Hundreds of listeners phoned the BBC after the performance to ask which members of the Royal family were present.—Reuter.

Japs To Die For Killing U.S. Fliers

Yokohama, December 29.

An Eighth Army military commission today sentenced nine former Japanese Army officers, including three generals, to hang for beheading 33 captured B-28 fliers after using some of the Americans as live dummies in the practice of ancient Japanese sports.

Sixteen other members of the Western Army, whose headquarters were on the Southernmost island of Kyushu, were sentenced to prison terms ranging from life to five years for their parts in the atrocities.

Seven Japanese, including Lieutenant General Masazumi of Western Army Chief of Staff, were acquitted.

Eight of the 33 American airmen involved in the case were decapitated after being used as dummies while Japanese soldiers practiced archery, Karate or Kendo on them, the Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Paul K. Van Bergen told the commission.

Retaliation

This torture was carried out on August 10, 1945, he said, in retaliation for the atom bombing of Hiroshima on August 6 and Nagasaki on August 8.

One flier was blindfolded in a kneeling position while a Japanese officer tried to hit him with an arrow shot from a crossbow before he was beheaded. Four arrows missed one American and the fifth slanted off his forehead.

The Japanese practiced vicious Japanese hand to hand fighting arts called Karate and Kendo on the defenceless prisoners to test the effectiveness for guerrilla warfare, the prosecution charged.

Seventeen of the captured fliers were beheaded within four hours after Emperor Hirohito's surrender speech was broadcast on August 15, 1945, Mr. Van Bergen said.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 6:00 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the Siberian anticyclone is weakening but continues to dominate China and the adjacent seas.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh E winds. Cloudy with occasional night drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 61.3 deg. F.
Minimum: 60.1 deg. F.
Rainfall: 0.1 in.
Wind: S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h.
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GOVT RELEASES REPORT ON HOTEL RATES

The rates prevailing on July 31 for resident guests at the Colony's four leading hotels should not be changed, the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee recommends in its report, released by Government yesterday.

While recommending that the rates at the Paramount and Cathay hotels should not be controlled, as "they are in the nature of luxury hotels essentially catering for wealthy Chinese", the Committee suggested that the rates prevailing on July 31 at the Hong Kong, Peninsula, Gloucester and Repulse Bay Hotels should be maintained.

The recommendations of the Committee do not include any provisions to protect the transient guest from exploitation. They exempt Chinese hotels and boarding houses from control.

The Committee said that the rates being charged by residential hotels are higher than are warranted. It recommended that between 20 and 100 per cent of the accommodation at the various hotels and boarding houses be set aside for resident guests.

Resident guest is defined as one whose stay in a hotel is for at least one month's duration and who gives one week's notice of intention to leave.

Eighty per cent of the accommodation at the Peninsula and Repulse Bay hotels, and 20 per cent of the accommodation at the Hong Kong and Gloucester hotels should be set aside for resident guests.

Suspended Until February

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. D. M. MacDougall, said yesterday at the Legislative Council meeting that the recommendations are being considered by Government. As a result, the previously announced rates by the Competent Authority will be further suspended until February.

Mr. MacDougall said the matters dealt with were complex and controversial and had involved an immense amount of work and labour. He paid tribute to Mr. T. N. Chau and the members of the Committee for having discharged their duties so ably.

Some of the appendices mentioned in the Report were not included because they contained confidential information of a confidential nature which, the Committee said, should not be disclosed.

The report follows:

The Committee was appointed on August 3 to enquire into and advise Government concerning the rates to be charged for accommodation, food and services by hotels and boarding houses.

The Committee was composed of Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. F. G. Maund, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. Chung King-pui, Mrs. Morris Comfort under the chairmanship of Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. J. M. Tan, of Wong Tan and Co., Chartered Accountants, assisted by Mr. P. F. J. Eardley was appointed Secretary. The duties of secretary were transferred to Mr. R. S. W. Paterson when he returned from leave on October 4.

Since the interim report dated September 30 was submitted and have continued our enquiries and now report in full.

Long Delay

It is regretted that there has been a longer delay than the Committee expected in submitting this report but it is pointed out that the amount of data to be accumulated was considerable; the preparation and examination of accounts and returns took a long time; and before coming to our final conclusion it was felt desirable to await the impending return of Mr. Paterson who, as Quartering Authority, had been associated with this problem since the hotels had been derequisitioned.

It is quite obvious that in a report of this kind we can only deal with broad principles. Cases of hardship either individual or collective both in respect of resident and hotel managements have been disregarded. It is our considered opinion that opportunity to appeal against any accepted recommendations should be given through whatever machinery Government may wish to establish for the purpose.

The Committee held 14 meetings, and on two days inspected various hotels and boarding houses of different classes.

In the course of our enquiries, deputations were received from the Hong Kong and Kowloon Hotels and Boarding Houses Residents' Association and the Hong Kong and Kowloon Hotels and Boarding Houses Association.

In order that we might be in a position to have the views of residents of the various hotels in Hong Kong, a questionnaire was sent out to the occupants of each of the rooms of European type hotels.

The following is a summary of the replies received.

Cease-Fire For Palestine Expected

Paris, December 29.

The United Nations Security Council was expected today to issue a cease-fire order designed to halt the Jewish-Egyptian fighting in the Negev region in Southern Palestine.

The Council is to meet at 3 p.m. Paris time to hear final arguments on the British resolution proposing a cease-fire order and troop withdrawals to positions behind the lines they held in November.

Britain claimed six votes for its resolution as a whole. Seven votes are needed to obtain approval of the entire resolution or of the cease-fire provision without the troop withdrawals.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli spokesman said today that Jewish operations in the Negev have been reduced to mopping up and some prisoners and booty have been taken.

If the Palestine issue is finished in time, the Dutch delegate, Mr. Jan Herman Van Royen, is expected to tell the Council his Government's attitude towards its cease-fire order. So far the Dutch have refused to obey the order.

Under the resolution passed yesterday the Dutch also are supposed to tell the Council today whether they have released Indonesian political prisoners, including the Republic President Soekarno.

The resolution carried a 24-hour deadline due to end at 6:30 p.m. Paris time.—United Press.

Authorisation To Purchase ECA Supplies

Washington, December 28.

The special recovery mission to China has been given a blanket U.S.\$1,000,000 authorisation to buy emergency supplies.

An Economic Co-operation Administration spokesman said the fund could be spent by the Mission chief, Mr. Roger Latham, anywhere "except" inside China. Presumably most of the money will be spent for food and medical supplies.

The grant was included in authorisations totalling US\$14,632,000 to seven European nations, the French zone of Germany and China.

Total ECA authorisations to all recovery nations to date are US\$4,213,050,000.

The Chinese Government in the week ended December 24 used another US\$348,928 of its US\$12,000,000 in U.S. military aid.—United Press and Associated Press.

Egyptian Premier Is Buried

Cairo, December 29.

More than 70,000 Egyptians gathered in the streets of Cairo today to witness the state funeral for the assassinated Premier, Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha.

The gun carriage, drawn by six horses, moved slowly through Central Cairo, carrying the remains of the premier to a mausoleum built for a former premier who also was assassinated.

The procession started at 9 a.m. GMT at the Khedive Ismail Square in Central Cairo and headed for the mausoleum of Abassid, several miles outside Cairo. The mausoleum was built for another assassinated premier, Ahmed Maher Pasha, who was killed on February 24, 1945.

The bodies of the two slain premiers will lie side by side.

The Grand Chamberlain, Abdel Latif Talat Pasha, representing King Farouk, was among many Egyptian and foreign dignitaries who followed the coffin on foot.

Police bands played mournful and martial Arab music while police guards lined the crowded streets.—United Press.

Soldiers Muzzle Dog



Nationalist soldiers muzzle up a dog belonging to the Chinese version of the K9 Corps as other soldiers look on near the railroad station in Peking.—(AP Photo).

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Appeal Against Order Of Confiscation Dismissed

Ordinance Becomes Law

The Education Amendment Ordinance, 1948, banning the teaching of political doctrines and all political activities in Hong Kong schools, passed into law yesterday when the Bill passed its second and third reading in Legislative Council.

The Bill, which came up for first reading last week, empowers the Governor-in-Council to close a school or to remove a teacher or individual where the school or such person is engaged in political activities.

Competition For Best Print Of 1948

"Lesson In Glamour" by Mr. Yeap Shing-lung, was the winner of the "China Mail" Cup for the best print of the year in the 1948 annual photographic competition sponsored by the Photographic Society of Hong Kong.

The competition was held by the Society at their monthly meeting and dinner at the Cosmo Club yesterday evening.

"Glamour" by Dr. Ernest To won the second award, and "Latent Energy," also by Dr. To, took the third award in the same competition.

DEPORTATION ORDER

Ng Say-poh, alias Hui Shing, a fugitive from Singapore and wanted by the Authorities there for forgery, was again brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Under the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance, Chief Inspector J. M. Forrest, who made the arrest on the instructions of the Singapore Authorities, applied for an order for his deportation to Singapore.

Mr. d'Almeida made an order for defendant to be detained in the remand home until arrangements can be made for his dispatch to Singapore.

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He then referred to the section of the Ordinance dealing with confiscation and that it was quite clear that confiscation was not directed so much against a person as goods.

It was considered that a penalty was too severe, the Ordinance provided a remedy, in that an aggrieved party, claiming to have a moral right, could appeal to the Governor-in-Council.

An appeal against an order made by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon Magistrate's Court on November 2, for confiscation of 196 bags of salt, was dismissed by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The salt, valued at \$1,500, was seized when Revenue Officers captured an armed speedboat in Aberdeen Harbour on the night of August 31.

The raiding party found on board the speedboat a Japanese heavy machine gun with 91 rounds of ammunition, a Bren gun with 250 rounds, a Mauser revolver with 27 rounds of ammunition and a Japanese bayonet.

In addition to the arms and ammunition, a quantity of merchandise, including the 196 bags of salt, was found.

The seizure of the speedboat, Kwok Tin, was convicted by Mr. Wicks and fined \$750.00, on a charge of possession of arms and ammunition and six counts of attempting to export unmanifested cargo.

The appeal brought yesterday was by Chin Shing alias Chan Cheung, who claimed ownership of the 196 bags of salt. He was represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, represented the Crown on the appeal.

Mr. Clifford said that in regard to the attempt to export the law was quite clear, namely, that any acts merely preparatory were insufficient for "an attempt."

There must be some act proximate to the crime itself.

He then quoted authorities in support of his submission and referred to the case of Rex v. Heath, in which it was held that the mere possession of contraband goods was not proximate towards attempting.

Mr. Clifford said that in the present case, an innocent party was being heavily punished, while the co-saltn had only been fined \$750.00 although he was the guilty party.

He was also submitted by Mr. Clifford that many explanations could be given for the presence of the goods on board the speedboat.

It was possible that there was an intention to take such goods across the harbour, that the goods had just arrived or were remaining on board until a manifest arrived.

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At yesterday's hearing Mr. Percy Chen applied to amend the statement of defence by adding a plea of estoppel. He claimed the plaintiffs were prevented from denying they knew the use to which the premises were being put by the defendants because they often visited the premises between 1942 and 1947.

The defence further claimed the plaintiffs were prevented from denying that the possession of the premises had been referred to an agreement regarding the rent of the premises between plaintiffs and defendants because rent was received by the plaintiffs for the premises and specific rent had been demanded in respect of that land.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. on February 14.

With the above comments, Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday imposed a fine of \$80, or six weeks' imprisonment, on Chan Kuen-tak, 24-year-old trainee of the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit, on the charges of possession of a pair of handcuffs and a Crown badge, and of impersonating a police officer.

The court warned the defendant to "be careful in the future" as the present light sentence would not be repeated in future cases.

Lieutenant James, defendant's officer, told the court that Chan joined the Unit about 14 weeks ago and was a very keen recruit.

His record was good. In reply to the bench, accused said that he intended to hand the handcuffs and insignia to Police constable 893, attached to the Mong Kok Station, and that on the way to the station he tucked the handcuffs under his belt as he found them too heavy to be carried in the pocket.

Still No Let-Up In Births

A daily average of 168 births in the Colony were registered during the week ended December 18. It was officially stated yesterday.

Total births in the period was 1,108. Deaths numbered 222. More than 50 per cent of the births were on the island.

In the same period, there were 43 deaths from tuberculosis, five from diphtheria and two from enteric fever.

Dismissing the appeal and upholding the conviction, and confiscation order, Sir Leslie Gibson said that he found that there was evidence of an attempt to export.

Sir Leslie also held that Mr. Wicks had acted in a judicial manner in this matter and had made an order which was, under the Ordinance, entitled to make.

The claim alleging trespassing made by the Kwong Tai Company Limited of 2G, Western Street against the Kowloon Garage of 629A Nathan Road, was resumed before Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge) at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiffs are represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan. Mr. Percy Chen instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida, KC, is counsel for the defendants.

The plaintiffs claim that defendants erected a structure without their consent. Plaintiffs also sought an injunction from the court to restrain the defendants from building on the land.

Mr. d'Almeida at a previous hearing stated that he had abandoned the claim for damages.

The defendants had admitted at that hearing that the plaintiffs were the owners of the land, but they sought to justify their occupation on the grounds that they were tenants.

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These percentages have been arrived at from the Committee's knowledge that before the outbreak of hostilities in Hong Kong, the Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels were in the main more residential than were the Hong Kong and Gloucester Hotels.

We appreciate that this recommendation is contrary to the practice followed in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world and that it interferes with the normal course of the hotel industry. We consider, however, that the present exceptional circumstances justify our recommendation.

While we realise that overhead charges for hotel dining rooms vary considerably, as do the terms of contract with caterers, we recommend the prevailing rate of \$5.50 a day for food for resident guests be maintained.

Services normally supplied by hotels during 1941 should continue. Residential hotels in pre-war days were regarded as boarding houses for Europeans. The accommodation offered is not of the same standard as the hotel referred to in paragraph 10 (Hong Kong, Peninsula, Repulse Bay and Gloucester) and in our opinion the rates now charged are higher than are warranted.

Converted Bathrooms

In some hotels, bathrooms and servants' rooms have been converted into bedrooms with inadequate furniture and bad lighting. As can be imagined, these and other small annoyances are very cramped.

In some cases, although a double bed is provided there seems to be no justification for treating such a room as a double room.

The Arlington and Harbour View Hotels are well furnished and conducted and we have no criticism to make of the management of these two establishments.

Accounts of some of these hotels have been submitted and the corresponding reasons are shown in Appendix B (not released for publication).

Based on the facts and figures disclosed by such accounts as have been available and the Committee's knowledge of the operations of these residential hotels we recommend that the accommodation rates for resident guests should be:

Arlington Hotel: \$12 to \$16 a day for double rooms and \$10 a day for single rooms.

These rates should also apply to the following hotels in this category: Harbour View Hotel, Melbourne Hotel, Ritz Hotel, Phillips House, Lytton House.

We further recommend that 20 per cent of the accommodation in these hotels be reserved for resident guests.

Rose Hotel: We recommend that the accommodation rates for resident guests in this hotel should be \$14 to \$22 a day for double rooms and \$10 for single rooms.

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Waldorf Hotel: We recommend the accommodation rates for resident guests in this hotel should be \$14 to \$22 a day for double rooms and \$7 for single rooms.

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We are of opinion that the Peninsula and Cathay Hotels should not be brought under control as they are in the nature of luxury hotels essentially catering for wealthy Chinese.

We recommend that the rate of \$5.50 a day for food be the maximum which resident guests should be charged.

The services normally supplied by hotels of this type during 1941 should continue.

These establishments are those which cater essentially for Chinese guests. Hotels and boarding houses of this kind are licensed by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and are classified as follows: Tsau Tim, Huk U, San Huk, Ohan, Hang Shun Kun.

We recommend that Hang Shun Kun should be exempt from control as these hotels do not cater for a non-commercial institution and operated as a sailors' home.

With the exception of the Hang Shun Kun the guests in these hotels and boarding houses are of the transient and migrant type. As these hotels do not cater for residents, in our opinion no recommendation is called for at present.

Light Sentence For Trainee Of HKCTU

"To walk about in the night with a pair of handcuffs is quite a serious thing. But in view of what his officer said about his being a very keen recruit I am going to give him the option of the fine."

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In the interests of Shippers and Conference Members it has been found desirable to revise Clause 6(b) in the present contract, and, as per provision in Clause 6 of same Contract, Shippers are hereby notified that effective April 1st, 1949, the General Commodities Contract at present in effect will be terminated, and a new one will come into effect.

The new Contract forms will be ready for signature on February 1st, 1949; and Shippers who wish to sign the new Contract before the expiry date of the old one may do so by applying to the undersigned after that date.

G. A. LEMAY,
Secretary,
Trans-Pacific Freight Conference
c/o Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd.,
Union Building,
P. O. Box 17.

Hong Kong, Dec. 29, 1948.

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NEW ISSUE OF SHARES

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD.
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December 15, 1948.

NOTICE

We, the undersigned, have today tendered our resignation to Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd.

Signed—H. DREYER
C. W. L. COLE
B. R. RASMUSSEN
Hong Kong, Dec. 28, 1948.

NOTICE

I wish to announce that as from January 1, 1949, I am changing the name of my firm, from G. A. Harriman & Sons to T. A. Pearce & Company, under which name I shall continue to trade as a stockbroker. My office address and telephone numbers remain the same.

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Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Most Interested

Sir—I was most interested to read K.J.H.'s letter, "No Loans" supporting America's valuable contributions towards keeping the English language robust. Moreover the type of English usage to which he refers is not confined to his fellow bureaucrats in Whitehall. On the contrary, while I was serving my country in the field, correct officialese invariably preferred to carry its personnel not in transport but in transportation.

I hope indeed that we may soon be reading of money lenders, a change that will be indicative of the dynamic growth of our language. I am sure your estimable columns will continue to foster the spirit of change which is symptomatic of the strength of the Anglo-Saxon language.

K.J.H. is to be congratulated on raising the standard of civility.
CHINDIT.

Refreshing

Sir—It was refreshing to read the recent letter entitled "No Loans" written by K. J. H., and to find a fellow lover of the archaic English forms.

I am reminded of an early English folio edition of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, to which I had access when studying the "Bacon wrote Shakespeare" controversy; in this Mark Antony exhorted his audience with the words, "Friends, Romans and Countrymen, Lend me your ears!" I should like if I may, to join with Mr. J. H. in congratulating your excellent paper on the revival of the archaic form although I fear we must in the long run resign ourselves to the inevitable march of progress.

EHEU FUGACES

STORY DOESN'T HELP DEFENDANT

The story he told that he did not maliciously knock off the indicator of a taxi cab but did so by accident, did not save Li Man Po, coolie foreman, from a fine of \$25 or 2 weeks and a compensation of \$20 at Kowloon yesterday. The complainant, Ip Lum Chun, driver of taxi cab No. 4027, said that on December 29 he was driving slowly along Peking Road near Canton Road. Defendant was standing at the junction with several others. On hearing the horn, defendant turned round, looked at him, struck the indicator and broke it. The damage was estimated at \$20. Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

POLICE NOTICE
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The following articles were recovered from the vicinity of the damaged "CATALINA" flying boat which crashed whilst flying from Macau to Hong Kong on the 16.7.48.

Thin gold chain with metal medallion ... 1 No.
Gold ring ... 1 No.
Spoons, silver ... 2 Nos.

These items may be seen by any person having claim to them at the office of the O.C. Police Stores, Central Police Station between the hours of 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily except holidays.

Any article remaining unclaimed 10 days after the publication of this notice will be disposed of (Ref: PHQ. 6138).

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8.40 a.m.	11.05 "	11.15 a.m.	2.05 "	5.05 "
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9.30 "	9.30 "	12.30 p.m.	3.15 "	5.15 p.m.
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8.40 a.m.	11.05 "	2.05 "	4.50 "	5.30 p.m.
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By Dick Turner



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By Shepard Barclay
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SEE THE LITTLE CARDS

JUST TAKE a good look at all small cards of the suit—in your own hand and in the dummy—if you want to know whether your partner's play is an "encouraging card" or a "discouraging card." If you see all lower cards, you know that he has used his lowest of the suit in that card, you know his card—either as a follow-suit or as a discard—is a discouraging card. Only if you can read his card as probably higher than the lowest he holds, can you consider it a lead invitation. And, of course, with his card in following suit could not possibly influence repetition of that suit, then it may be a "suit preference" signal suggesting a switch by you to some other suit when you lead next.

S 0 6 5
H A Q 10 6
D 0 6 5 4
C 0 5

S 7
H B 7 4 2
D K Q 7
C A K Q 3

S A K Q 8 4 3
H K J 5
D J 9 2
C 4

(Dealer West. Both sides vulnerable).

West North East South
1 C Pass 2 C 2 S
3 C 3 S 4 C 4 S

It was a good thing West did not take further action, such as bidding 5-Clubs that could be set or doubling the 4-Spades, and just as good that East did not double it when he considered his partner's action as intended for a forcing pass. He knew West as none too good on defense, and so feared acting positively, a fear in which he was justified.

West botched his side's welfare as early as he had a chance to. After getting the first trick with his club K, he repeated the suit with the Q, and from there in South had a cakewalk. "The second club was ruffed, trumps drawn, hearts run for the discard of a diamond and later two diamond tricks given up with the contract safely in the bag. East waited for the end to hop on his partner and ask why he had not watched the play on the first trick. He answered: "I did. I saw you play a high card on it, the 7, and so of course, I repeated the suit."

Poor West was under the fallacy which misguides many ordinary players. Lots of them will tell you that a 7 or higher is encouraging, a 6 or lower discouraging. But West could see all cards lower than the 7, including South's 4, so it was discouraging. In like fashion even a 3 or 4 can be encouraging, if indications are your partner has a 2.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K 9 7 6
H Q J 7 5
D A J 4
C K 4

S A 10
H K 8 6 2
D Q 10 9
C 6 5

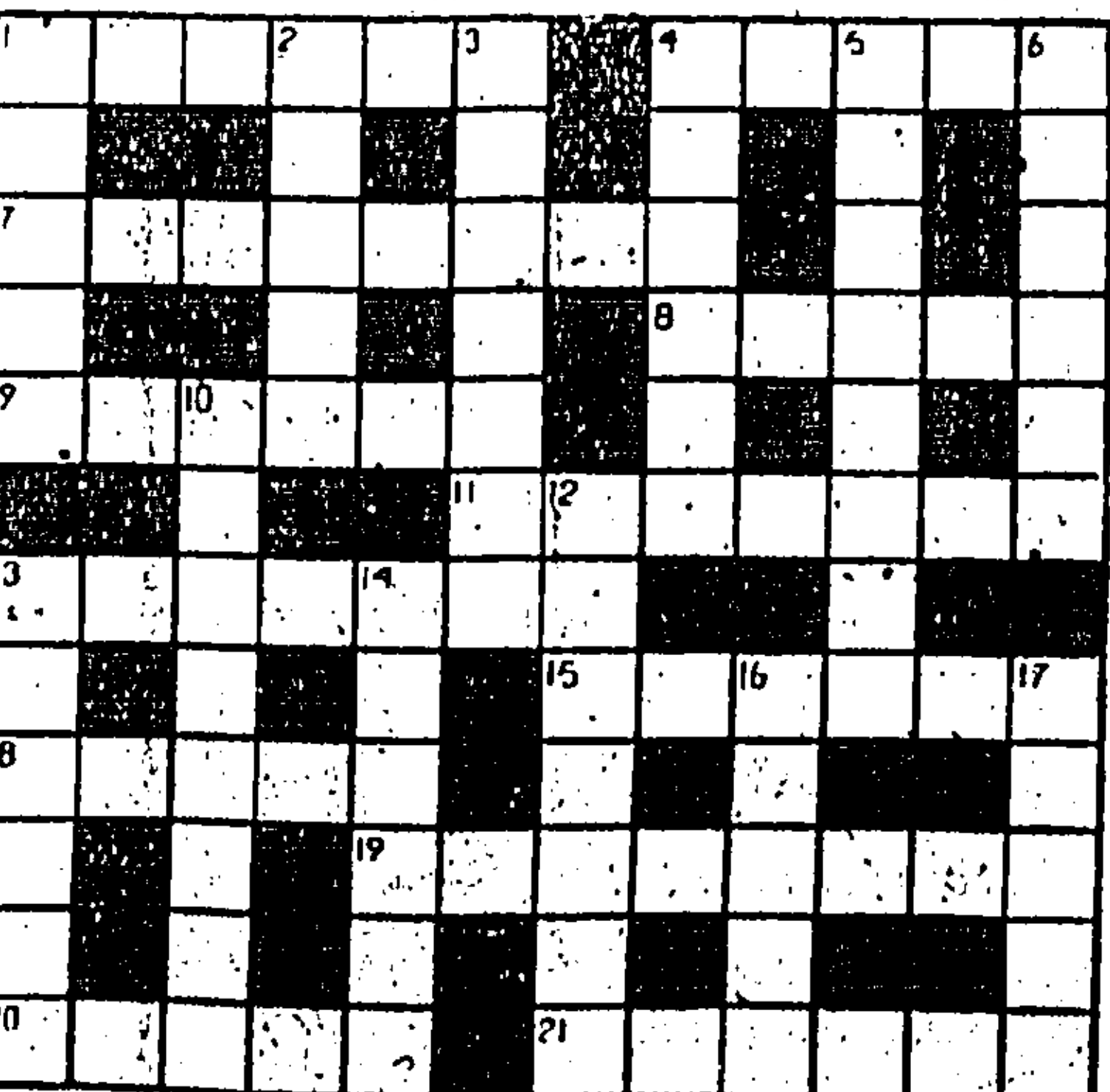
S J 8 2
H A 10 9
D 8 3
C Q J 6 7

S Q 5 4 3
H 3
D K 8 2
C A 10 9 3 2

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable).

What measures will aid any player to appraise the opening bid merits of a hand like North's on this deal?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Tracked down.
4 Yawned.
7 Break.
8 Clear.
9 Recluse.
11 Wed.

Down

1 Part of the leg.
2 Best part.
3 Addict.
4 Equine gait.
5 Prevent.
6 Menial servant.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Clap, 4 Limited, 8 Stern, 9 Arid, 10 Appears, 11 Live, 12 Term, 14 Enclose, 17 Irish, 19 Pleas, 22 Freedom, 23 Urges, 27 Beat, 28 Invalid, 30 Brew, 30 Lame, 31 Kestrel, 32

DOWN—2 Larder, 3 Paulina, 4 Leave, 5 Impend, 6 Ideal, 7 Earns, 12 Tim, 13 Ripe, 15 Over, 16 Ease, 18 Mobile, 20 Lumber, 21 Agreed, 23 Rinse, 24 Exact, 25 Medal.

THE FORTY-FIFTH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
Own Story Of The War
In Europe

On the Eastern flank, the city of Caen did not fall to our initial rush as we had hoped and we were consequently unable to gain the ground South and South East of that city where we had planned to make early exploitation of our tank and combat air strength. But the battling in that area reached a sustained and intensive effort. Rommel defended tenaciously and the fighting progressed it became clear why it was necessary for him to do so.

To support the divisions in the attack area the enemy first threw into the battle zone all the troops he could spare from the British Peninsula. Next he brought up divisions from the South of France and others from the Low Countries. His only remaining major reserve in North West Europe not committed to the fighting were in and about Calais, in the German Fifteenth Army. To maintain connection with these troops he had to hold Caen. If he lost that city, his two principal forces would be divided and could therefore operate together only if both executed a long and arduous march to the end.

One frustration in the attainment of our immediate tactical goals in the Eastern sector involved no change in the broad purposes of the operational plan. It was merely another example of the age-old truth that every battle plan comprises merely an orderly commitment of troops to battle under the commander's calculations of available resources, but always with the certainty that enemy reaction will require constant tactical adjustment to the requirements of the moment.

As quickly as it became certain that the enemy intended at all times to move on to Caen as the hinge of his operations it instantly became to our advantage to keep him preoccupied in that region and all other Allied operations would be facilitated.

On the far Western flank General Patton's VII Corps initially struck straight Westward to cut the peninsula in two. He then turned swiftly toward Cherbourg but had also to establish on his Southward flank a secure line to block any enemy reinforcements attempting to push into the peninsula.

On June 12, 1944, the first flying bomb, known as V-1, reached London. The V-1 was a small, pilotless airplane which flew at high speed on a predetermined course and terminated its flight by means of a setting in its mechanism. It contained a large amount of explosive which detonated upon impact, and the effect was terrific. The first V-2 was not used until early August. It was a rocket, shot into the air to a great height, which fell at such high speed that the first warning of its coming was the explosion. During the night it could not be heard, seen, or intercepted and for these reasons was never as terrifying as the V-1.

The V-2 bomb was particularly destructive when it fell directly into a structure of some kind. Owing to its speed, it penetrated deeply into the ground and its great explosive effect was exerted directly upward. As a consequence, when it fell into open spaces it was relatively ineffective, but so great was its explosive charge when it hit a building that destruction was almost complete.

ment of these weapons were undoubtedly greatly delayed by our spring bombing campaign against the places where we suspected they were under manufacture. Peenemunde, in Germany, was known to be one of the largest of the German experimental plants and periodically we sent large formations of bombers to attack that area. There were other places indicated to us as suspicious. One was Tromsø, in Norway, where we thought that the Germans were engaged in atomic development. We also bombed the suspected launching sites along the coast of North-Western Europe, where our reconnaissance photography showed numerous facilities and installations that could not be interpreted in terms of any known weapon. These areas were continuously hammered.

The effect of the new German weapons was very noticeable upon morale. Great Britain had withstood terrible bombing experiences. But when in June the Allies landed successfully on the Normandy coast the citizens unquestionably experienced a great sense of relief, not only at the prospect of victory but in the hope of gaining some insurance against future bombings. When the new weapons began to come over London their hopes were dashed.

Indeed, the depressing effect of the bombs was not confined to the civilian population; soldiers at the front began again to worry about friends and loved ones at home, and many American soldiers asked me in worried tones whether I could give them any news about particular towns where they had previously been stationed in Southern England.

It seemed likely that, if the German had succeeded in perfecting and using these new weapons six months earlier than he did, our invasion of Europe would have proved exceedingly difficult, perhaps impossible. I feel sure that if they had succeeded in using these weapons over a six-month period, and particularly if they had made the Portsmouth-Southampton area one of their principal targets, Overlord might have been written off.

Defensive measures against the V-1 soon attained a very high degree of efficiency, but even so, the threat of their arrival was always present at all hours of the day and night and in all kinds of weather. We in the field wanted to capture the areas from which these weapons were fired against Southern England. However, it must be said to the credit of the British leaders that never once did one of them urge me to vary any detail of my planned operations merely for the purpose of eliminating this scourge.

To Be Continued

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HOTEL RATES

The Colonial Secretary in Legislative Council yesterday described the findings of the Hotel Rates Committee as highly controversial and complex. He is not likely to be accused of overstatement. Mr. MacDougall also announced the suspension of the Eardley Seales for a further month while the Government makes up its mind whether or to what extent the recommendations of the Committee should be accepted and applied. No accusation that the Government is rushing its fences is likely to be made. The Report has already been in the hands of the Government for more than a fortnight, and over a matter which has dragged on laboriously for five months, the reason for further hesitation ought to be excellent to afford justification. It is, of course, possible to surmise that the Government is not fully satisfied with the recommendations as they stand, and though the Colonial Secretary was shrewd enough to avoid providing any indication of the official view, whether it is believed that the reductions of charges are too severe or whether it is felt that the Committee has not gone far enough, it is pretty clear that the Government realises that the storm will not automatically subside with the publication of the Committee's findings. Indeed, it will be highly surprising if the Report is not subjected to violent attack from both sides to the controversy. It is that kind of a Report. The four principal hotels emerge unscathed from the inquiry, with prevailing rates for resident guests approved, and relief from any attempt to control the scale of charges for transient guests. Other establishments have not been so gently treated: in some the cuts recommended are drastic indeed, and while it will be properly contended that this is merely the clearest evidence of past profiteering, the cry of unfair discrimination is bound to be raised. Residents in some of the hotels will probably offer much the same criticism, from of course the opposite angle of approach. This discrimination, where it appears, is obviously not a defect in itself: the necessity for it was inherent in the complicated task which the Committee was requested to fulfil. It is easy to predict however that it will furnish the point round which the main weight of attack will revolve, and it is difficult to resist the argument that if reductions in rates are reasonable for one hotel, they are almost certain to be reasonable in another. Those who gain some relief are sure to enquire why changes are not to be retrospective to the beginning of August. Nor has any really convincing reason been given for excluding certain premises from any measure of control. A policy which approves soaking the transient because he is a transient, or the wealthy because he deserves to be mulcted heavily for being in Hong Kong at all is short-sighted and could very easily be damaging to the Colony's reputation in other parts of the globe. However that may be, the weakest part of the whole proceedings still remains the Government's inability or disinclination to reach a decision quickly. Further delay is all too suggestive of a desire, to test public reaction, and therefore also of the prospect of considerable modification one way or another, according to which party screams loudest in anger and protest.

Concerning the origination of plans and decisions: it is my conviction that no commander could normally take such a particular plan or conception originated within his own mind. Preoccupation with the concerns of his command are such that it is impossible for any person later to say whether the first gleam of an idea that may eventually have developed into a great plan came from within his own brain or from some outside suggestion. One of his problems is to keep his mind open, to avoid confusing necessary firmness with stubborn preconception or unreasonable prejudice.

Another point: there is a vast difference between a definite plan of battle or campaign and the hoped-for eventual results of the operation. In committing troops to battle there are certain military objectives to be attained, else the operation is a failure. Beyond this lies the area of reasonable expectation, while still further beyond lies the realm of hope—all that might happen if fortune persistently smiles upon us.

A battle plan normally attempts to provide guidance even into this final area, so that no opportunity for extensive exploitation may be lost through ignorance on the part of the troops concerning the intent of the commander. These phases of a plan do not comprise rigid instructions, they are merely guideposts. A sound battle plan provides flexibility in both space and time to meet the constantly changing factors of the battle problem in such a way as to achieve the final

goal of the commander. Rigidly inevitable defeat itself, and the analysts who point to a changed detail as evidence of a plan's weakness are completely unaware of the characteristics of the battlefield.

The Battle of the Beachhead was a period of incessant and heavy fighting and one which, except for the capture of Cherbourg, showed few geographical gains. Yet it was during this period that the stage was set for the later, spectacular liberation of France and Belgium. The struggle in the beachhead was responsible for many developments, both material and doctrinal, that stood us in good stead throughout the remainder of the war.

Knowing that his old antagonist of the desert, Rommel, was to be in tactical charge of the defending forces, Montgomery predicted that enemy action would be characterized by constant assaults carried out by any force immediately from division down to battalion or even company size. He discounted the possibility that the enemy under Rommel would ever select a naturally strong defensive line and calmly and patiently go about the business of building up the greatest possible amount of force in order

to launch one full-out offensive into our beach position. Montgomery's predictions were fulfilled to the letter.

From the day we landed the battle never settled down, except in isolated spots, to anything resembling the trench warfare of the first World War. But it was the possibility of such an eventuality that we could never forget, particularly our British comrades with their memories of Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele.

Bradley had predicted that the capture of Cherbourg was going to be a rather nasty job and counted on speed and boldness as much as upon the strength of his assaulting forces to gain an early decision in that area. His estimate was "ten days if we are lucky, thirty if we are not." Among other things, all such predictions, depended, of course, upon our success in maintaining the scheduled build-up. The landing tables provided in great detail for the daily and hourly arrival of given quantities of every kind of fighting unit, and which in between the ammunition and other supplies which were required, not only for the daily operations but to provide the reserves to sustain continuous action once we should pass to the decisive stages of the battle.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

The Great Red Spy Scare

At last the Lynxey Tribunal has reached some slight attention here. Not that there is any great to-do about it.

Americans are accustomed to graft in public offices, and think unsubstantiated charges of gifts of cigars, suits, meals, and drinks petty.

They're filing the entire involved business away as additional evidence of the slump and decline in British prestige, and influence since the Socialists assumed office.

Red Spy Scare

American excitement continues to be focused on the great Red spy scare. But there is still very little to get your teeth into.

Apparently Soviet agents did filch confidential Government memoranda in the late '30's, but that is old stuff and the code has long been changed.

The carnival barkers promise a complete striptease if you will only go inside the tent, but once you're in the performers demurely keep their clothes on and the State Department talks about endangering national safety if all the documents are made public.

The greatest show on earth remains Christmas, and everyone knows it.

New York is full of sparkle and beauty. All the world's treasures are on display in the stores—jewels and furs, silks and skins, rich tweeds and fine leather, gold and silver, food and drink for 10,000,000 feasts, and all unrationed.

Here in "Rainbow Land" is the choicest and rarest of the globe's bounty.

Every country seeking dollars has poured into the city its finest goods. The luxury and wealth and extravagance and waste would make your heart ache.

There is too much of everything. This is the oasis of opulence in a desert world.

Perhaps the shoppers feel slightly ashamed. Anyway, they are not buying with abandon.

Goods are piling up in the resplendent, arrogant shops. Housewives are holding back. Husband are gripping their wallets.

The puzzled merchants expecting boundless boom are cutting prices, knocking five to 10 per cent off turkey, plum puddings, Scotch whisky, and slashing furs, jewellery, lingerie, and even toys by 20 per cent.

There have been some lay-offs in industry, and the whisper has spread that prosperity has passed its peak. The Christmas rush has become a hesitant, worried shuffle.

Best-sellers are cheap presents. Handkerchiefs, nylon stockings, Christmas cards, pajamas, shirts, leatherette handbags, artificial pearls, ties, socks, slippers, underwear, ballpoint pens, and gramophone records.

The only record likely to be made in is gifts to Britain. Almost all shops feature food parcels for shipment abroad, and today's newspapers, warning of the last opportunity, advertise that whole turkey, dinner, and whole hams can be air-expressed

to Britain at £4 or £5 a package.

Tawdry Hangout
During the week I made a trip to the Statue of Liberty and I'm sorry to report that it is defaced at its base by lipstick, puerilities, and the morose scribbles of tourists.

What should be an historic and dignified monument to democracy has become a tawdry sightseer's hangout.

Hot dogs, chewing gum, and soft drinks are on sale in the gardens at the foot of the statue. New York is also talking about Fred Vanderschmidt's book "What the English think of us." Vanderschmidt, a fine journalist, is chief London correspondent of the magazine *Newsweek*.

He analyzes Britain and the British Press and says: "The widely read columnist Don Iddon flatters the British public."

Calling Britain great is not flattery, Fred—merely the truth.

Hollywood Angry
Latest statement of Harold Wilson, President of the British Board of Trade, charging the American film industry with giving British pictures the brush-off, has angered Hollywood and Broadway.

American showmen ridicule allegations of U.S. prejudice and hostility toward our films. This country says: "Make them good and we will eat them up."

It points out that "Hamlet" and "Red Shoes" are making a great deal of money here because they are first-class entertainment. If we can produce quality pictures American will show them from New York to San Francisco and from Maine to Florida.

I think it would be worth Wilson's while to make a trip here. New York and Hollywood would welcome him if only to try to get around him. They feted Arthur Rank and they would certainly fuss over Harold Wilson.

Perhaps, too, by on-the-spot observation the President of the Board of Trade would be better equipped to pass judgment.

Hollywood has the job litters. Forty per cent of the men and women normally engaged in some branch of film production are out of work. Receipts are so small that producers are trying

to cut the meagre pay of extras.

Warner Brothers have cut down their output. Samuel Goldwyn has closed down, and Eclair Studios and Eagle Lion, along with many of the independents, are idle. It is a crisis, and a crisis needing calm nerves. Hollywood is not showing them.

Not A Plan
It is making economies erratically all over the place, but does not have a plan. One thing it seems determined to do is not to spend any money on Broadway.

I went to the Rex Harrison opening, "Anne of the Thousand Days," and, as always, the English actor was excellent. It is 12 years since he appeared in New York in "Sweet Alibi." Joyce Redman, who co-stars with Harrison and who was a discovery of the Old Vic Company, is superb. The play itself is involved and too elaborate.

Offers to Sir Laurence Olivier still pour from Hollywood. The British actor intends to produce three plays: "Schwartz for Schwartz," "Richard the Third," and "Antigone," before he makes another film. I understand he would like to screen "Othello."

Charles Laughton has turned down offers to do two British pictures. This is to great loss. Laughton is currently in Europe. Clark Gable is still the King of Metro. Despite all the rumours, he can pick his own pictures, co-players, and directors.

Bette Said 'No'
Britain's young and lovely Bette Davis is clicking here in television. She is very talented and has audience magnetism.

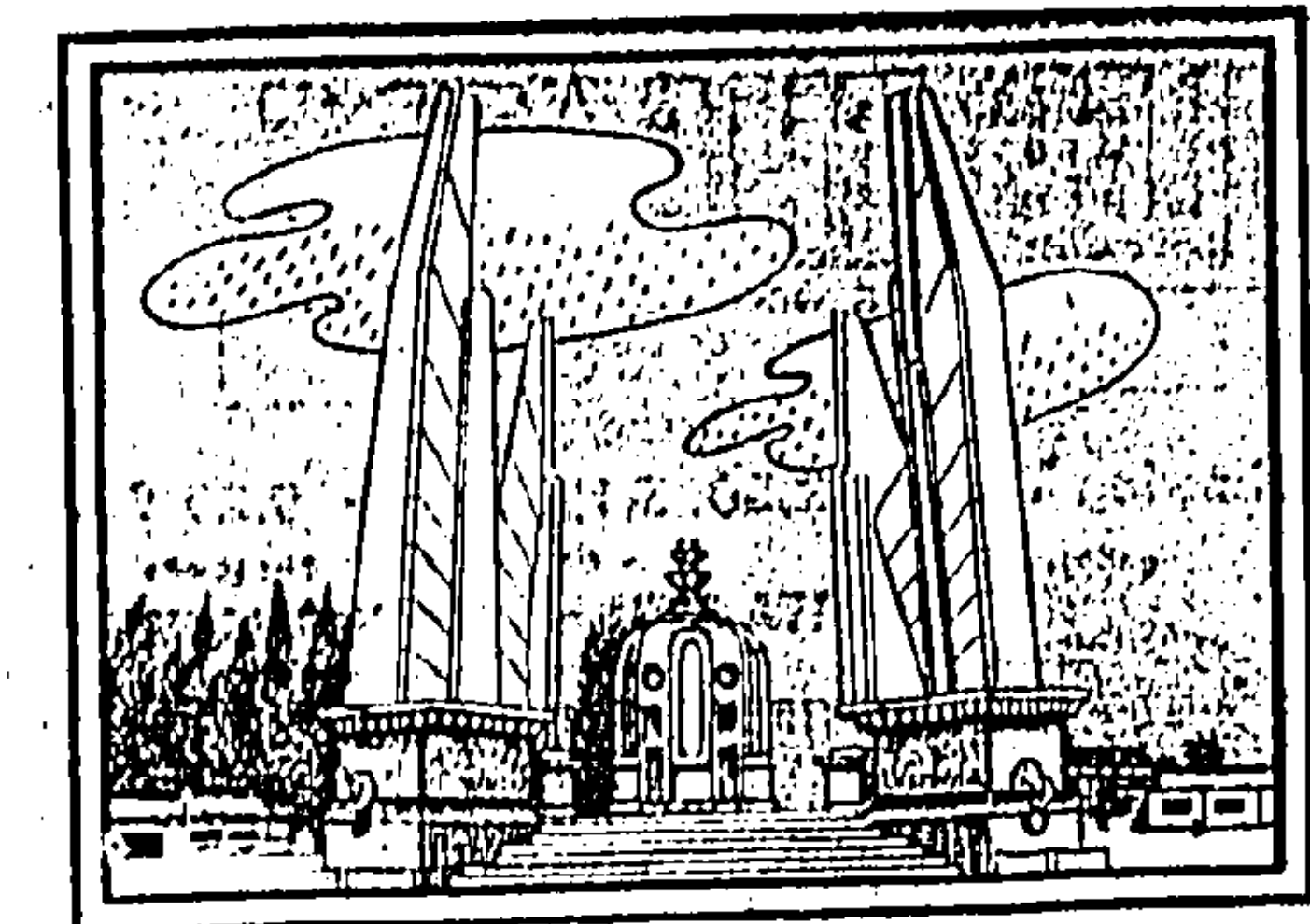
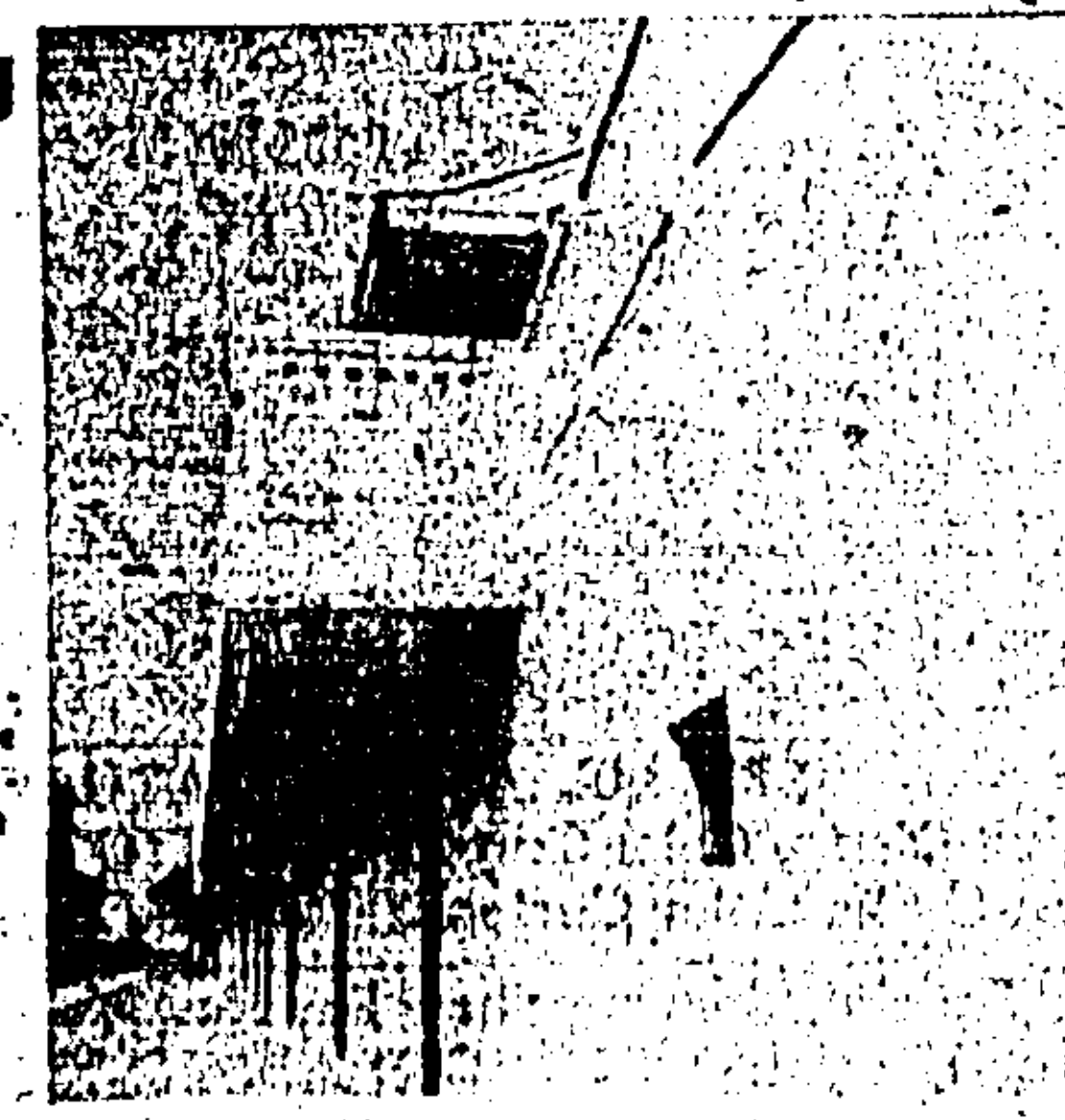
Bette Davis has been receiving a very bad Press since she refused to pose for photographers. Many columnists are sniping at her. She is very temperamental.

Somerset Maugham, after persuasion by Lady Mendl, has given permission for his book "Liza of Lambeth" to be dramatised. It will be produced on Broadway next year.

There is a good deal of agitation here to award "Hamlet" the Hollywood Oscar as the best picture of the year, although it was foreign made, but it is doubtful that the nomination committee will change their rules.

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HOLLAND TOLD

"RELEASE INDONESIAN LEADERS IN 24 HOURS"

Paris, December 29.

The United Nations Security Council yesterday gave the Netherlands 24 hours in which to release captured Indonesian Republican leaders.

The resolution did not say what would happen if the deadline is not met.

A Fait Accompli By Friday

The Hague, December 29. The usually well-informed newspaper, *Haags Dagblad*, says there are indications that the Dutch Government will announce officially the end of military action in Indonesia by next Friday at the latest.

An official spokesman declined to confirm or deny the story. Labour members of the Government are said to be urging that the captured Republican leaders be given at least their conditional freedom.

This view was said to be opposed by Emanuel Sassen, Minister of Overseas Territories, and other Catholic Party leaders.

The Government decided to send Jonkheer Michiel Van Veenendaal, Dutch Ambassador to Britain, to Indonesia.

Labour sources said this was at Labour's instance.

The source interpreted Van Veenendaal's task as preventing the Dutch administration in Batavia from taking actions which would embitter the home government. Associated Press.

Call For Direct Action On Java

Manila, December 29.

The Indonesian Trade Commissioner for South East Asia today called for direct action by Pacific nations in aid of his Republic.

Red Army Told To Be Ready

Moscow, December 29.

Red Army was reminded today of "the danger of bandit attacks" on the Soviet.

The army newspaper, "Red Star," published an editorial reminding the army of Stalin's warning.

Stalin had said "As long as there is capitalist encirclement, there is danger of aggressive war and bandit attacks against the USSR."

"Imperialists and their right wing Socialist followers are waging a deliberate campaign against the Soviet Union's social order and culture."

"They do not cease to contemplate new military adventures against the Socialist Fatherland."

The "Red Star" said: "Almost a quarter of the Soviet Union's existence has been spent in armed struggle against two bloody and devastating imperialist campaigns."

The newspaper urged Russian troops to be ready for combat at all times. United Press.

Women March In Bombay Protest

Bombay, December 28.

Two thousand women today marched to the Government secretariat.

They demanded the release of persons being held in custody for belonging to the Hindu extremist organisation, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

The women presented a petition to the Governor of Bombay Province urging Government compromise with the RSS.

In Bombay province a total of 1,476 arrests have been made since the Indian Government began the round-up of extremist factors on December 9.

Rioting broke out this morning in the central India province of Indore. At least two deaths resulted and a curfew has been imposed, bringing the situation under control. United Press.

BARONESS TOOK AN OVERDOSE

London, December 28.

Baroness Gyllensterna, believed to be the "widow" of a Swedish baron, died in hospital in Croydon, South London, today. A police statement said she died five hours after falling ill from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

The baroness, who was 63, had been visiting relatives in South Norwood, near Croydon. Reuter.

Margaret May Visit America

London, December 29.

The London Star reported today that Princess Margaret may take a personal holiday in the United States next year.

Buckingham Palace officials deny knowledge of any such plan.

The Star said: "It is known that she would like to visit the U.S. and many of her American friends in London, including Miss Sherman Douglas, the Ambassador's daughter, would like to entertain her there."

Miss Sherman, daughter of the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, has been quite friendly with the Princess, and Princess Elizabeth and has appeared occasionally with them at semi-official functions. Associated Press.

Appeal Fails

Mr. Van Rooyen appealed unsuccessfully for a delay in the vote on the resolution which declared.

"The Security Council, noting that the Netherlands Government has not so far released the President of the Republic of Indonesia and other political prisoners as required by the resolution of December 24, 1948, calls upon the Netherlands Government to release these political prisoners forthwith and report to the Security Council within 24 hours of the adoption of the present resolution."

Dr. Henk Chung-hing, the Chinese delegate, said he saw no reason for even a day's delay in the release of Soekarno and others interned when the Dutch captured Jogyakarta, Indonesian Republican capital, in a surprise attack on December 19.

Of Mr. Van Rooyen's protest against release, Australian delegate, Colonel W. R. Hodgson, said: "We are told here is a note of evasion. These may well be and why not?"

"Inconceivable"

Mr. D. N. Palar, the Indonesian representative, said that it was utterly inconceivable that there could be any justification for the Dutch Government not releasing President Soekarno and the other political prisoners even if there were any reasons to believe that the acceptance of the cease-fire order required study by the aggression State.

"It is perfectly clear that the Netherlands Government, despite the express order of the Security Council, has no intention of releasing the leaders of our Government now or for some time to come," he asserted.

"Now we read in an official Dutch communiqué that instead of even studying the order of the Security Council regarding the release of the President, the Dutch authorities have decided to move him and other leaders to the mountains outside Java."

In addition to the rejection of the Council's cease-fire order, the Netherlands are also flouting outright the order of the Security Council," he added.

Soviet Challenge

Faris Bey called for the immediate release of the political prisoners. "I know what is meant by military internment," he declared. "If you have half the comforts of a private soldier, your military captors think they are giving you privileges. Another night of captivity for Dr. Soekarno would be too long."

Mr. Paul Palla, the British delegate, said Britain would abstain from voting. Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, challenged the British decision, and declared that the decision to abstain from voting amounted to "flouting the Security Council with impunity."

When we deal with military action in Palestine, the British representative finds strong words in his vocabulary. His draft resolution calls for a cease-fire in Palestine," Mr. Malik stated.

"The delegation of the United Kingdom relapses into reticence when we deal with cessation of military action in Indonesia. Why is it that the British delegation becomes bashful, withdraws back into its shell, and

Russians Giving Technical Help

Shanghai, December 29.

Chinese Communist forces are receiving at least technical assistance from Soviet Russia.

However, there is still no concrete evidence of military assistance.

A United Press correspondent, Michael Keen, who last week visited Red-held areas outside Peiping, today enabled, "While inside the Red lines North of Peiping last week I overheard a conversation between two young Communist political workers."

"One of them, apparently unaware that I understood some-

thing in his language, specifically told his companion that Soviet Russian rail gangs aided the Chinese Reds in the repair of Manchurian railways recently captured from the Nationalists."

"Regarding reports that non-Chinese are present in Chinese Red forces around Peiping, I personally verify that Japanese and Koreans, at least in small numbers, are with the Reds in the vicinity."

Chinese reports earlier told of Red planes being active in North China and one identified the Russians in Manchuria as troops.

However, the consensus is that the Russians—if there are any there—are technicians only and none are fighting units. United Press.

TB Expert's Visit To U.S.

Manila, December 29.

Dr. Gumerindo Sayago, noted Argentine tuberculosis expert who came here as a member of the World Health Organisation mission, left by Philippine Airlines plane today for San Francisco.

Dr. Sayago, who delivered 17 lectures, mostly on tuberculosis, and conducted a training course on tuberculosis vaccination and diagnosis, plans to stay three weeks in the United States, lecturing at Minneapolis, Chicago, Ann Arbor, Boston, Philadelphia and possibly New York. After that he will proceed to Mexico City to attend the Pan-American tuberculosis Congress. He will leave Mexico on January 30 for Buenos Aires.

Dr. Sayago was highly praised in medical circles here for his work. United Press.

Successor Named To Murdered Premier

Cairo, December 28.

The Chief of the Egyptian Royal Cabinet, Ibrahim Abdul Hadi Pasha, was tonight nominated to succeed the Prime Minister, Nokrashy Pasha, assassinated in the Ministry of the Interior today.

Abdul Hadi Pasha decided to keep Nokrashy Pasha's Cabinet in its present form.

It is not known tonight whether he would take over the Finance and Interior portfolios held by Nokrashy Pasha.

Abdul Hadi Pasha, aged 48, was Finance Minister in Nokrashy Pasha's Government until February, 1947, when he was appointed Chief of the Royal Cabinet, a domestic post in King Farouk's household.

A lawyer, he was at one time a Wafdist, but left that party with Nokrashy Pasha, becoming Vice-President of the Saadist Party.

It was assumed in Cairo tonight that the new Premier would re-integrate the Saadist Party, probably as its leader.

Varsity Closed

The Government, meanwhile, tonight ordered that Fuad University, of whose medical faculty the Premier's alleged assassin was a member, should be closed down indefinitely.

A statement issued after the assassination of Nokrashy Pasha said he fell a victim to the hands of an assassin as he was on his way to carry out his official duties in the service of his Fatherland and the King.

Nokrashy Pasha's body was taken to his palatial home at Helwan, on the outskirts of Cairo.

Nokrashy Pasha was a teetotaler and did not smoke. Even when the centre of the public eye, he shunned publicity and in consequence became unpopular with the Egyptian press.

In London, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, described the assassination of Egypt's Premier Nokrashy Pasha as an outrage.

"Please express my regret at this outrage to the Council of Ministers," Reuter and Associated Press.

Jap Note Issue At A New High

Tokyo, December 29.

The issue of Japanese banknotes increased by 12,507,000,000 yen yesterday, setting a new record in the banks total note issue to 350,558,000,000 yen.

The Bank of Japan authorities have set 300,000,000,000 as the limit for the quarter ending this month and predicted 350,000,000,000 by the end of the year.

Financial sources have raised the estimate upward again on the basis of the new report. The rise is attributed to year-end settlements and Government payments. Reuter.

KEENAN GETS A NEW JOB

Kansas City, December 29.

Joseph B. Keenan, former U.S. chief prosecutor in the Tokyo War Crimes trials, has been named U.S. representative on the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine.

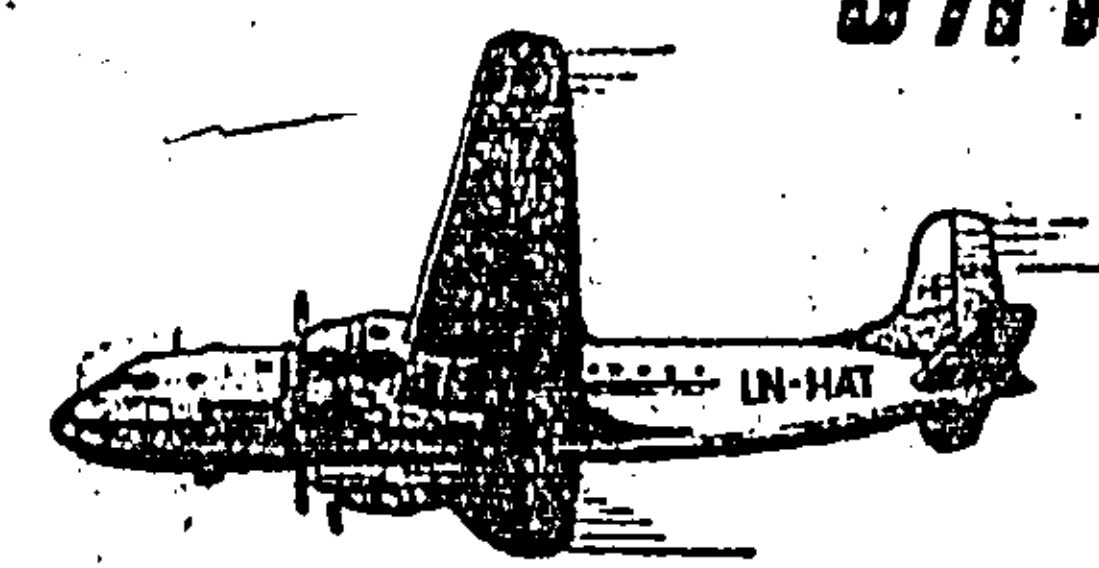
Mr. Keenan's appointment to the post by President Truman was announced at a news conference yesterday by the Presidential Press Secretary, Charles C. Ross. The job pays \$52,000 a year.

The other members of the Commission have been named by France and Turkey. Associated Press.

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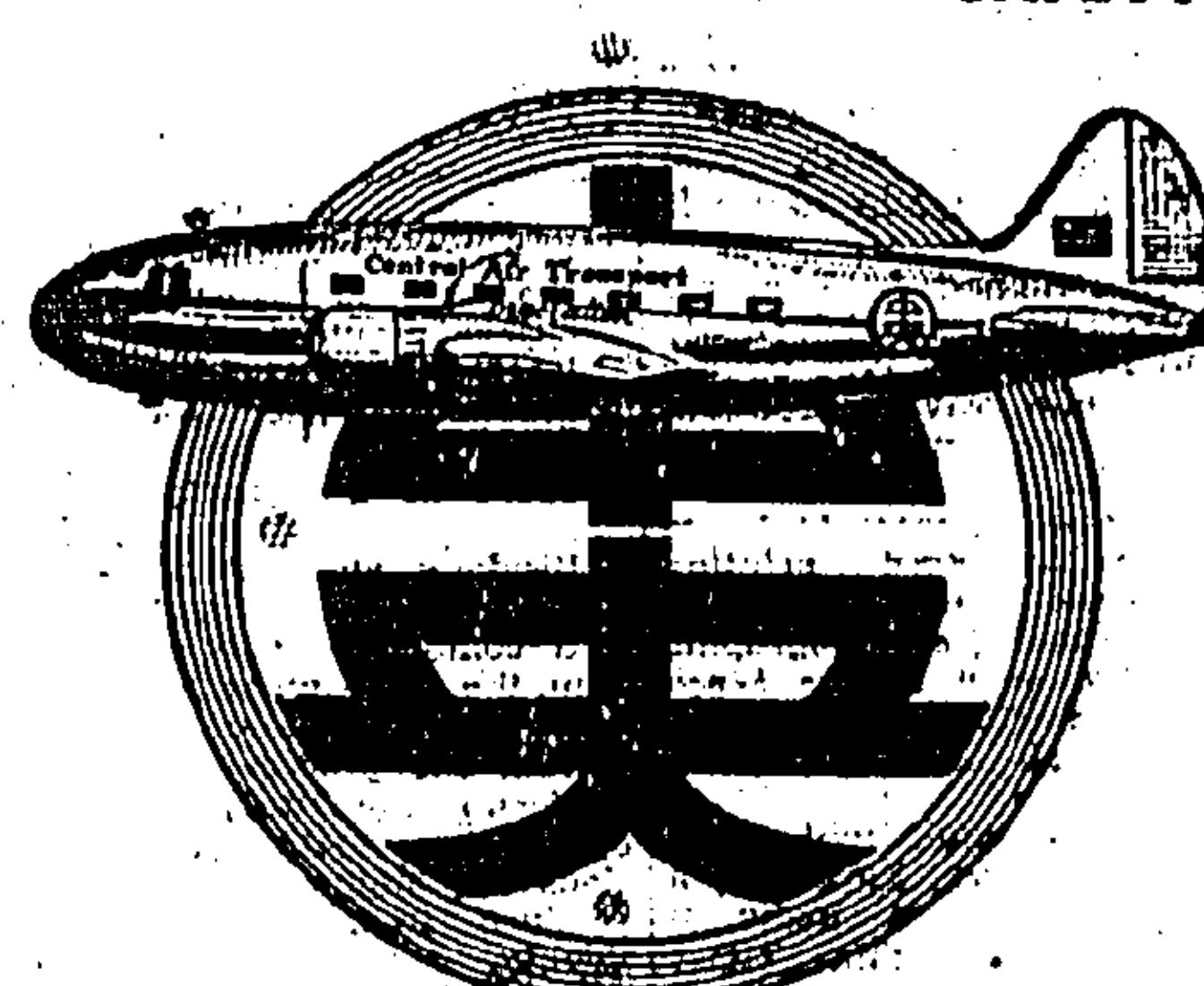
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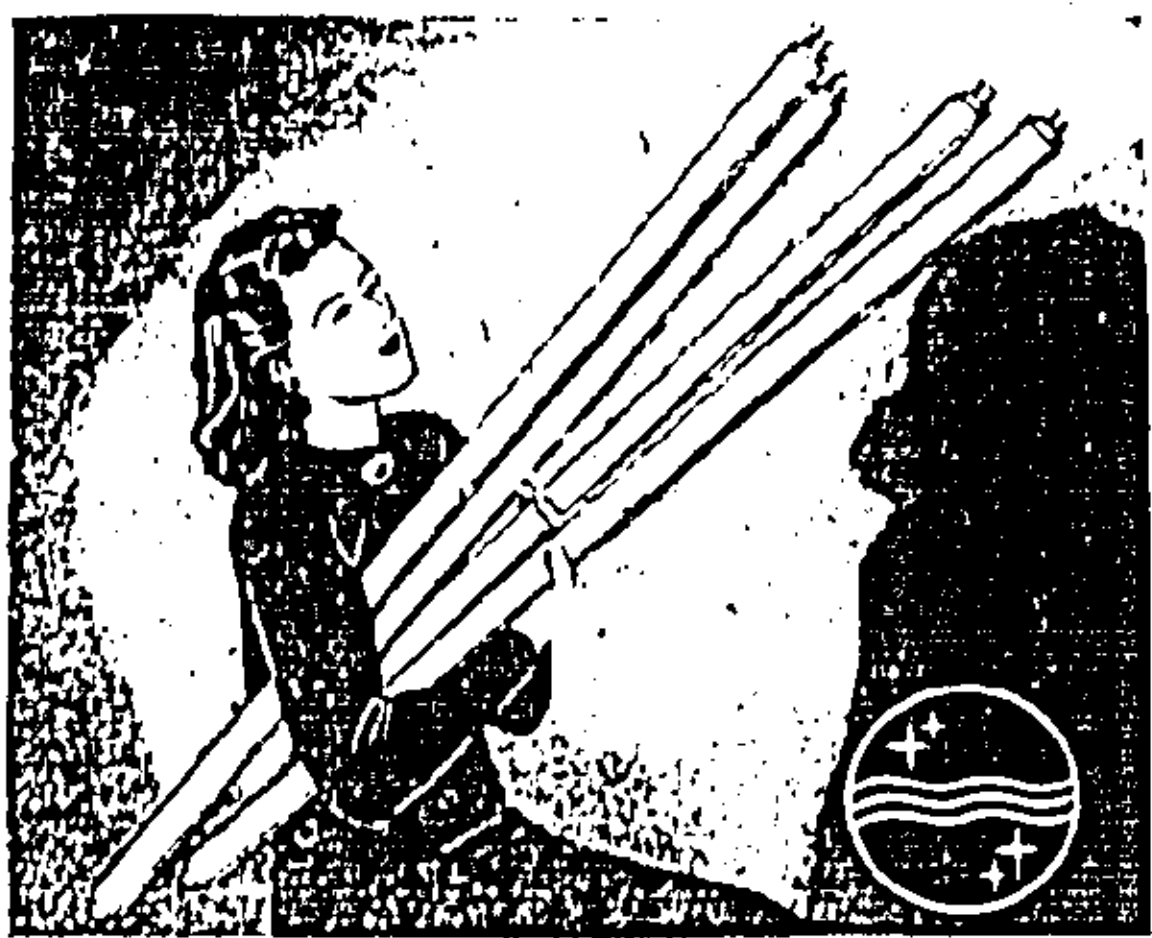
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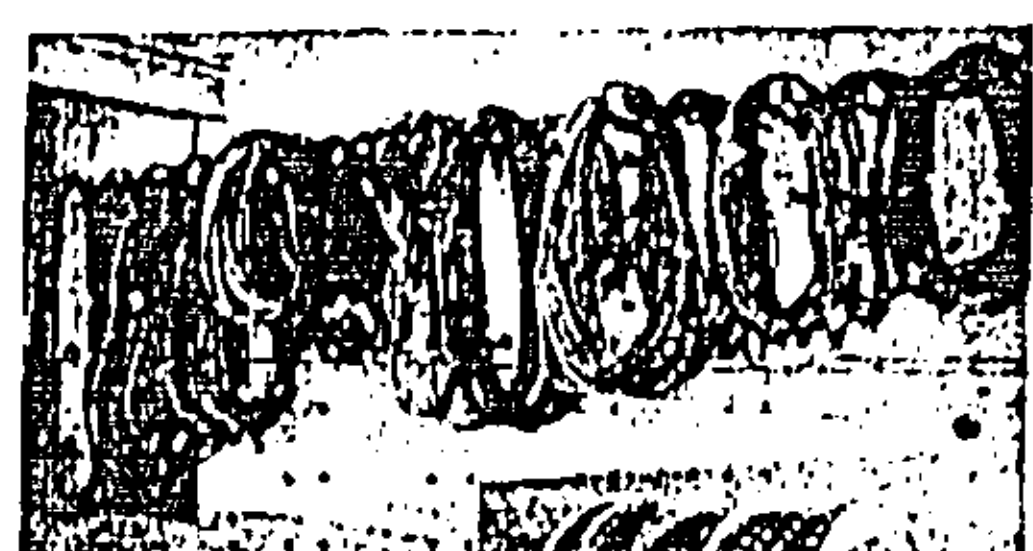
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LONDON TOWER IS FRIEND IN NEED TO APPROACHING PLANES

Many people have heard of the Tower of London, famed for its history, crown jewels and beafoaters, but there is another tower in London of growing significance. It is "London Tower"—the Air Traffic Control Tower, at London Airport—which Captains and Radio Officers of BOAC Speedbirds and other aircraft call by radio telephone as they fly in over England from the Far East.

At safe heights above hills and clouds, as directed by "London Tower," they "home" on a radio beacon on the outer perimeter of London's Air Traffic Control Zone, the circumference of which is roughly 30 miles from the centre of London.

Inside the BOAC airliner is an air of expectancy always associated with the end of a journey. Passengers may be sipping the last of their refreshments, or one of them are shutting the hand luggage they have used on the flight, steward and stewardess are giving help where they can and are busy answering questions.

Some passengers are idly looking out of the window at the wide blanket of cloud below them and one or two of the more knowledgeable among them are wondering what method the Captain will use to descend through the mist and land on the runway.

The aircraft's radio compass shows that the plane is over the beacon. Out goes a radio telephone call from the Captain: "Calling London Tower." Speedbird George Obbe Charlie here. Over beacon. Request weather and altimeter setting.

Control Zone

"London Tower" hears this message loud and clear in its loud speaker in Approach Control on the first floor of the building, where officers and their men and women assistants control by radio the passage of aircraft through the Control Zone.

Above them in a glass "penthouse" on the roof is "Landing Control" where officers regulate the air traffic movements in the immediate vicinity of the airfield and manipulate the elaborate airport lighting system; meanwhile, at the beginning of the runway is a caravan containing the Airfield Controller.

He is a "last minute traffic cop," whose job it is to check that two aircraft do not use the runway at the same time, and to warn the pilots by red lights if they show signs of doing so. Last but not least, near the runway is another caravan for the Ground Controlled Approach Radar apparatus and the controllers who operate this "Talk you down" system.

Approach Control answer Speedbird George Obbe Charlie, tell him in staccato "air control English" the height of the low clouds, the visibility, wind direction and the setting for the aircraft's altimeter so that it will record the height above the airfield.

Three Systems

Weather conditions are poor. The BOAC Captain has to decide whether he will divert to another airfield or land at London.

If he decides to land he must make up his mind about which method he will ask "London Tower" to operate for him in order to bring George Obbe Charlie safely down through the misty blanket between him and the runway. Available to him if he wishes to land at London are the Radio Range, SCS 51, BABS or GCA.

The first two are systems that enable the Captain to tell, by sounds in his earphones or visual indications on his instrument panel, whether he is correctly following a radio beam. BABS stands for Beam

Approach Beacon System and enables aircraft to find their own way in by following indications on a radar screen.

In the GCA "Talk you down" system the ground controllers switch the radar screens and pass landing directions to the pilot by radio telephone.

If the pilot in Speedbird George Obbe Charlie chooses GCA, he will say "Hullo London Tower." Request GCA." In the meantime, under instructions from Control, he has been reducing height to 3,000 feet. The passengers find themselves in a world of opaque whiteness; the steward and stewardess go quietly about their duties under the cabin lights; and then the sign "Fasten Seat Belts" appears on the indicator in the cabin.

The radar screens in the GCA caravan supply three distinct types of information: a general plan view of the surroundings of London Airport up to a maximum of 30 miles; and on the precision screens, having a maximum range of 10 miles, the plan and elevation information concerning the

later stages of the aircraft's approach, down to the immediate approach to the runway.

Watching The "Blip"

The London director tells the pilot of George Obbe Charlie to alter his course by a given number of degrees, double checking that the "blip" moves in this same manner on the screen—thus he confirms that the "blip" does beyond doubt represent George Obbe Charlie.

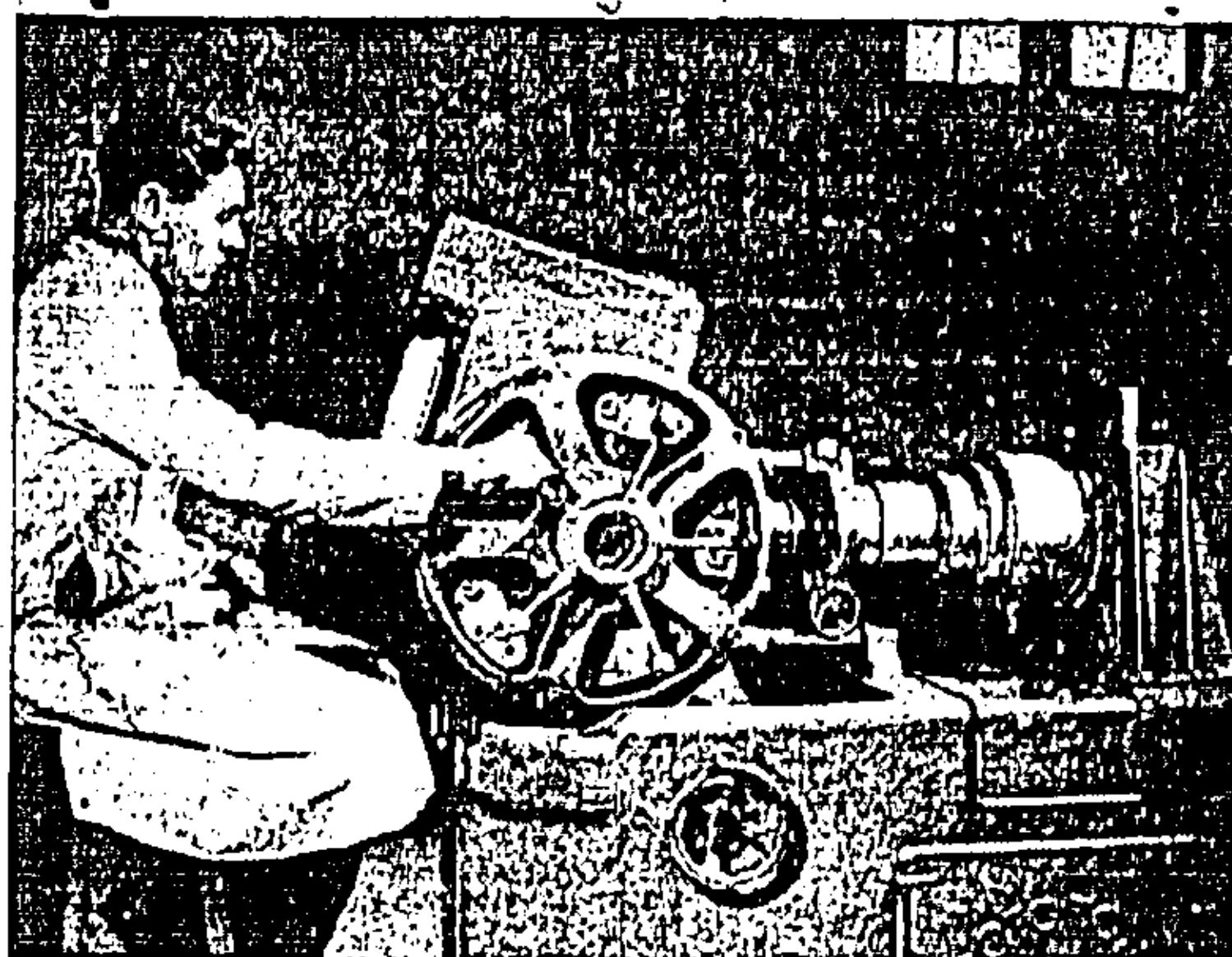
Then, when the plane is some 10 miles from the airport, its path is plotted on screens of a greater scale, one showing its progress relative to a plan of the runway, and another, operated, perhaps, by an ex-WAAF, indicating whether the aircraft is approaching at the correct angle of glide. She uses a scale which tells the "talk-down" man whether the aircraft is too high or too low.

The Captain, his hands on his controls and his eyes on his instruments, hears the voice of "talk-down" in his earphones. "You are five miles from the touch down. Turn right three degrees. . . . Turn right one degree. . . . Hold that heading. . . . You are 50 feet too high. . . . two miles to go. . . . lose 30 feet. . . . You are O.K. . . . Left one degree. . . . Hold the heading. . . ."

In the GCA caravan the "blip" approaches the runway. The voice continues, "Half a mile from touch down. You are correctly lined up. Look ahead."

The Captain looks up from his instruments. Ahead is the broad line of the runway. Through the aircraft cabin windows passengers suddenly see grass, distant buildings and roads. There is a musical squeak as tyres touch the runway. Control room clerks enter "1015 hrs" on a board.

Photo Type-Setting



The operator is here projecting lines of matter from the 35mm. rolls on to the final transparency. He can inspect each line in a ground-glass screen as he works. On the near side of the camera are the five reels of cine film, each carrying either text, headings, sub-headings or corrections.

At the recently opened laboratories of the Printing Research Association at Leatherhead, Surrey, England, equipment has been temporarily installed to demonstrate a system of photo-typesetting, which dispenses with cast metal type. Its trade name is Rotofoto.

The new method is a purely photographic process which should be useful in printing type by the lithography and gravure processes now widely used in the production of books and periodicals.

The system appears to be as cheap as standard printing practice; and it has the obvious advantage that the photographic mastercopy of a book's typescript, from which reprints can be made, can be stored in a small space.

The Rotofoto equipment comprises a Monotype keyboard, a line-projector, and a make-up machine for producing paper proofs and film transparencies. A punched paper record, similar in appearance to a small piano player roll, representing the "copy," is first made by a Monotype keyboard operator.

This paper record is transferred to the line-projector, which contains the mechanism of the Monotype composition caster with the main difference that a photographic negative takes the place of the matrices. The letters punched in the record are photographed on a roll of 35 millimetre cinematograph film carried in a camera under the type negative.

After a full line has been completed the film is advanced, the distance depending on the space required between the lines, and the next line is photographed. The line-projector operates at about the same speed as a Monotype casting machine.

Reader's and authors' corrections are dealt with separately and contained in other rolls of film, the make-up machine operator introduces the corrected lines during the process of making a perfect photographic transparency of the type matter. The operations are simple and rapid, and produce transparencies of high fidelity.

Any type-face can be employed by using the appropriate negative, and type sizes can be controlled by the magnification employed in the make-up machine. At present these negatives are used on the rotors of jet engines—and in fact, machine marks from a variety of articles.

Prototype machines applying the new processes are being tested by the Manchester firm of R.J. Richardson and Sons.

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It is constructed out of the lid of a tobacco tin, a piece of two-inch glass tubing, a small piece of copper, some sulphur, and two to three inches of gold or aluminium foil. It works on the principle that air, normally an insulator, becomes a conductor in the presence of radio active minerals.

MORE STRENGTH AND LENGTH OF SERVICE

The new nodular cast iron, produced in the laboratories of the British Cast Iron Research Association after long research, has so many advantages that experts are satisfied it will eventually supersede ordinary grey cast iron in a number of engineering applications. It is made by adding to the molten metal a small amount of cerium. (Most lighter flints are 50 per cent. cerium).

The new process has increased the tensile strength of cast iron threefold. In World War I tensile strengths of about 15 tons a square inch were achieved. By World War II these had been improved to about 25 tons a square inch. Iron treated with cerium now gives up to 80 tons a square inch—and the process requires no material change in foundry equipment.

All the raw materials required for making cast iron are available in Britain. The advantages of increased tensile strength; and the fact that variable sections can be made in one piece, and less machining is necessary—these will benefit the whole world.

Moreover, where a quick expansion of production is required, foundries can provide it without the danger of "hot" necks which may arise when materials have to be subjected to longer processes such as extrusion, pressing and forging.

Cast iron is now being used for making engine crankshafts. It has been found necessary to remove only three to ten per cent. of the cast weight in finishing processes, whereas in many forged steel shafts two-thirds to three-quarters of the original forgings have to be removed. The qualities of ordinary cast iron will be further improved by the use of the new nodular cast iron. Nodular cast iron is also easier to machine, strength for strength, so that saving should be possible in cutting tools, time, labour and overheads.

Added Life

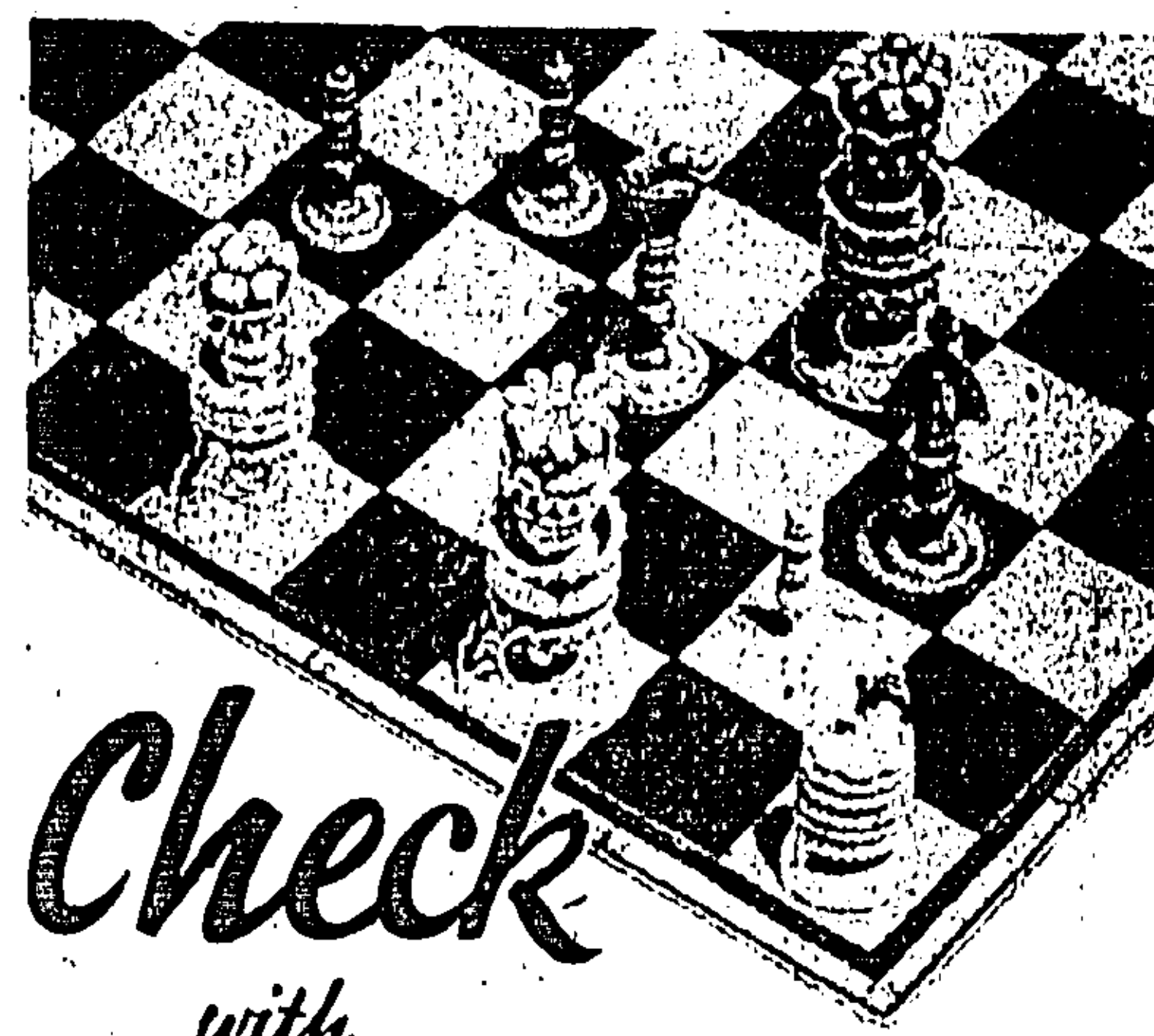
Experimental work carried out by Tigbman's Patent Sand Blast Company, Manchester, England, may result in increasing the life of machine parts tenfold. "Shot peening" the name of the process on which research is being carried out, improves fatigue life by peening and so toughening metallic surfaces.

The life of many working parts of cars can be extended more than tenfold by the new process. Several manufacturers are already shot peening such things as torsion bars, dynamo shafts, clutch springs and crankshafts. It has been found that shot peening also saves time in polishing, and even dispenses with it. One more recent application is in eliminating porosity in aluminium and other alloy die-castings.

"Vapour honing" is another process developed by this firm. In it fine abrasives in water or chemical emulsion are discharged against the metal surface to be treated. This reduces time spent in polishing and eliminates it for certain articles.

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Prototype machines applying the new processes are being tested by the Manchester firm of R.J. Richardson and Sons.



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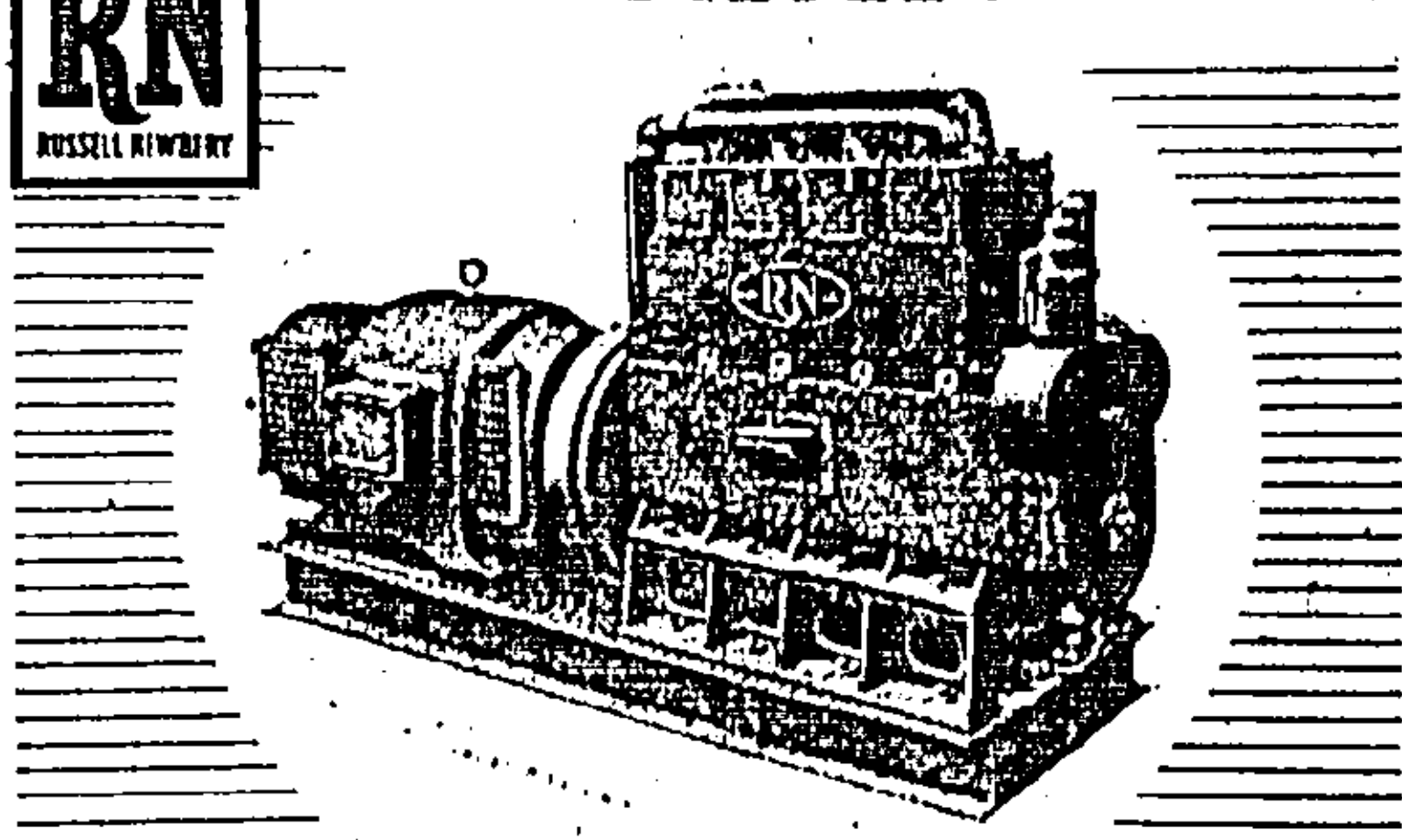
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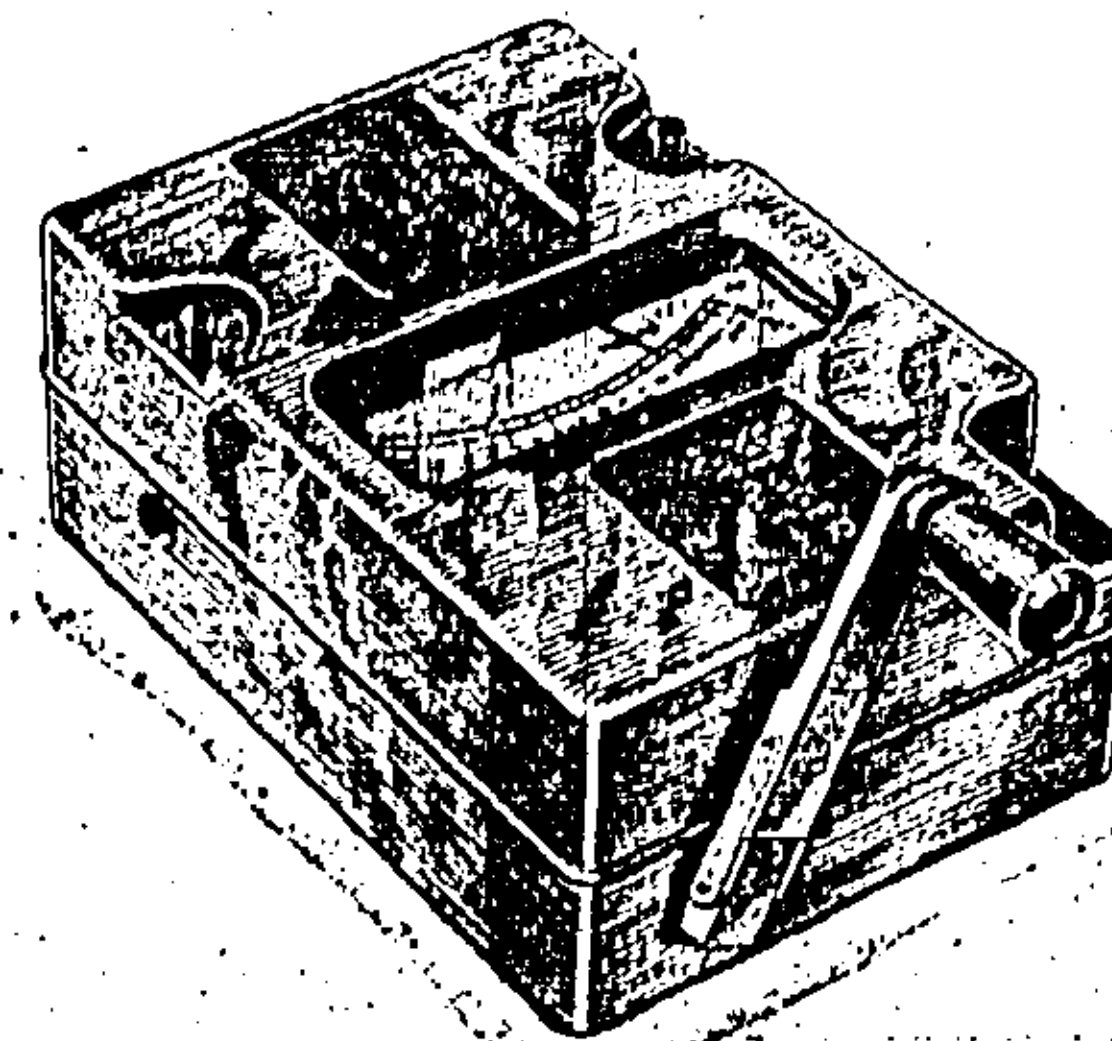
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EGYPTIANS STILL IN POSSESSION OF GAZA

CANADA'S DEFENCE SCHEME

Ottawa, December 28. Canada's defence programme next year will be the largest in her peacetime history.

The emphasis will be on jet aircraft, improved anti-submarine vessels, airborne forces and troops training in Arctic warfare.

Announcing this today, Mr. Brooke Claxton, the Defence Minister, stated, "I must give figures, but I can be assured we will spend much more on defence in 1947 than in 1946 when we had the largest amount in our peacetime history."

He disclosed that Canada is negotiating with the United States for a certain type of jet fighter which he indicated will eventually replace the British Vampire jet aircraft as the basic single-seater jet fighter of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Mr. Brooke Claxton said that although the United States had taken the lead in jet design, Canadians still think the Vampire is, in many ways, the best jet fighter in the world.

"But there are good reasons for our adopting American aircraft types and standardizing in every way as far as the United States design," he added.

"We had plenty of trouble in the last war trying to adapt British types to North American production methods," he added.

Siam Campaign On Illiteracy

New York, December 29. Dr. Frank Laubach today left for Bangkok, where he has been invited by the Siamese Government to spend 10 weeks instituting a nationwide campaign against illiteracy.

Dr. Laubach, a Congregational Christian missionary, is widely known for his literacy work.

He expects to visit India, New Guinea, Australia and Korea before returning to the United States.

Dr. Laubach developed his methods while working among the Moros in Mindanao in the Philippines.—United Press.



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Tel Aviv, December 28.

The Israeli Government tonight officially denied Arab radio reports that Egyptian-held Gaza, in South West Negov, has fallen to Jewish forces. An Israeli military spokesman said the pressure against Gaza has increased. He again refused to confirm or deny an Egyptian report that the Gaza coastal strip is cut off.

He denied suggestions that the Israeli silence about the Negev situation is due to military setbacks. The security black-out on all official reports and speculation continues.

In Cairo, a spokesman of the Egyptian War Ministry denied that Israeli forces had broken through to the coast South of Gaza, isolating it from other Egyptian positions. The Ministry said the Egyptian positions were intact and that the height reported occupied was 25 miles East of Gaza.

The Israeli denial followed a United Nations Supervisory Headquarters' announcement in Haifa last night that the Egyptians had complained that the Israelis had cut off Gaza from the South.

The Israeli spokesman would not comment on the Egyptian complaint. He said it could be revealed that the operation along the coastal strip is slackening off but would not say whether this was due to the success or failure of the Jewish attack.

Air War Spreads

Ground fighting was still continued in the Gaza area, but the air war had spread over the Faluja pocket, where the Egyptians have been trapped for more than two months.

The spokesman claimed that two Israeli fighters of an unclassified type engaged six Egyptian Fiat planes over Faluja today. One Egyptian plane was believed to have been shot down and three hit, he said. The other two fled. This was the first time that the Egyptians had used this type of plane, he added.

In Paris, when the Security Council resumed its debate on the Palestine situation after lunch today, Farris Bey, the Syrian delegate, accused the Jews of responsibility for violating the truce and for the renewal of fighting in the Negev.

He said Israeli ships had been bombarding Gaza. "The Jews have defied the Security Council resolution," he added.

"Although the British resolution falls short of the steps that the Security Council should take, as it is the only one, my delegation will support it. We think it is better than nothing. We do not want the Security Council to do nothing at all on this matter as was more or less the case with Indonesia."

British Plan

Mr. Charles Ritchie, of Canada, proposed that the vote on the British resolution should be postponed until tomorrow to enable his Government to study it.

Mr. Alexandre Parodi (France) said he thought the Canadian suggestion reasonable and desirable to further the

implementation of the armistice resolution or at least to get information regarding it.

The Council decided to defer further consideration of the Palestine question until tomorrow.

The British resolution suggested that from January 1, Belgium and Colombia should be replaced by Cuba and Norway on the seven-nation Palestine Committee.

(On January 1, Belgium and Colombia return as members of the Security Council, having completed their term of office and Cuba and Norway take their place).—Reuter.

Atomic Engine To Propel Warships

Chicago, December 29.

The Atomic Energy Commission today announced that a contract has been arranged with Westinghouse Electric Corporation to build an experimental atomic engine to propel warships.

Alfonse Tammara, manager of AEC operations in Chicago, said the project would be carried out jointly by AEC's Argonne national laboratory here and the Westinghouse

Company. He said its object is to produce a nuclear power plant which may be adapted to propulsion of a naval vessel within the shortest practical time.

Mr. Tammara said requirements for the project were proposed by the Navy Department's Bureau of Ships.

In Washington, military experts said such an atomic power plant would make it possible for surface fleets and submarines to remain at sea indefinitely.

The start of this experiment is highly gratifying to naval officers, some of whom have felt the AEC has been slow in launching the project. Several Atomic Commission members expressed faith in the feasibility of an atomic engine for warships, which could "carry the heavy shielding necessary for protection against radiation more easily than aircraft."

Special Plant

The Westinghouse Company at Pittsburgh was given a letter contract for construction of an experimental nuclear reactor to meet specifications for eventual use in ship propulsion, according to Mr. Tammara.

Westinghouse will face the task of designing a small, if possible, portable, reactor similar to the huge atomic piles now in operation at Oak Ridge in Tennessee and Hanford, Washington. One of the main jobs will be shielding the crew from dangerous radiation.

In Pittsburgh, Charles Weaver, head of Westinghouse's new Atomic Power Division, announced that about 600 men, mostly engineers and scientists, will be employed on the project at a special plant which is to be in the Pittsburgh area. Construction will start within several months.

Estimates of how long it will take to build an atomic boiler range from two to six years. Scientists in Pittsburgh point out that the possibilities of an atomic boiler are tremendous. One of them thinks that, if fully utilized and properly harnessed, it can produce power equal to that turned out by 3,000,000,000 tons of coal or 200,000,000 gallons of petrol.

Philip Ross, one of the Westinghouse engineers earmarked for the project, points out that this would give ships an indefinite cruising radius on a relatively small amount of fuel.—United Press.

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The Dog Had The Last Word

Manila, December 29.

Four were killed and eight others, including a girl, wounded last night in near-by Rizal City when 17-year-old Adriano Tirona blazed away with a 45 calibre pistol at a rival in a love affair and the latter's friends in a bar.

Two of the wounded were bitten by a dog as they scrambled for safety.—United Press.

ODOM TO TRY FOR RECORD

Wichita, December 29.

Captain Bill Odom will try to break a ten-year world record for non-stop distance flying by light planes early in January.

The Beech Aircraft Corporation announces that Captain Odom will attempt to fly non-stop from Honolulu to New York, a distance of 3,010 miles. He will pilot a 185-horsepower single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza.—United Press.

Jogjakarta City Of Bewilderment

Jogjakarta, December 29.

Republicans in this captured capital are glum and bewildered.

With their army scattered and their top leaders interned, they pin their hopes on guerilla activity at home and on diplomatic aid abroad.

However, the Dutch are already receiving co-operation from some Indonesians in the Jogjakarta area.

Large railroad workshops, for example, are operating again. A line of job seekers waited at the gate today. Workers also are returning to other factories and offices in the area. Dutch officials said.

It remains a major question just how much help the Republican cause will get from its scattered army. The issue is: Will Indonesian turn into another guerilla-ridden Indo-China?

An intelligence officer for the Dutch brigade in Jogjakarta said the Dutch have plans on how the Republican Army planned to deploy and collect their officer in case of attack. The officer said information in Dutch hands concerning locations of various concentrations showed the plans did not materialise.

Rice Shortage

The city of Jogjakarta itself is little damaged. Not more than eight buildings were destroyed and most of these by demolitions laid by Republicans.

The Republicans' largest office building was seized intact. So was the State Bank in which the Bank of Java already is operating.

The Dutch radio staff with its own equipment has moved into three bungalows from which the Republic's "Voice of Free Indonesia" once was heard.

Military traffic had kept the roads clear of bullock drawn carts, the city's chief supply method. As a result there was a serious rice shortage until the Dutch imported the all important staple from North Java. Distribution began on Monday.

The Guildler

A few peasants bring in small baskets of vegetables and do business in small groups outside the city's large markets. The long lines of market stalls still are bare, however.

Most of the shops, Chinese-operated, remain closed or do business through half opened doors. Restaurants also are closed.

The Netherlands' Indonesian guilders is slowly coming into circulation. The current exchange rate with the Republican rupiah is 500 rupiahs to 1 guilder.—Associated Press.

NEGRO FILES UNIQUE ACTION

Philadelphia, December 29.

A 25-year-old negro, who served in World War II as a merchant marine deck officer, today filed an equity action in a Federal court against his induction into a "segregated" United States Army.

Such service would cause embarrassment, pain, anguish and loss of personal dignity, Devreux Tomlinson contends in an affidavit accompanying his plea for a pre-Army injunction.

Tomlinson, who seeks to restrain operation of the Selective Service Act in his case until the matter is decided, also claims that he will be denied the opportunity for training service and advancement granted to white inductees, solely because of his race or colour.

Named as defendants are Selective Service officials, including the Director, Lewis B. Hershey, Judge George A. Welsh set Thursday for a hearing on the petition.—United Press.

CHURCHILL OFF TO FRANCE

London, December 28. Mr. Winston Churchill left London today for a private visit to the South of France, where he will continue work on his war memoirs.

During his stay he will be the guest of "Life" and the New York "Times". He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Oliver.—Reuter.

MACHINE BETTER THAN HUMANS

New York, December 29.

A new machine with mechanical fingers and "brain" makes one part of an automobile engine better than human hands, an engineer reports.

It is not a single machine. It is a system of automatic handling that produces 100,000 valve guide bushings a day. The bushing is an iron casting 2 1/4 inches long, and fatter on one end than the other.

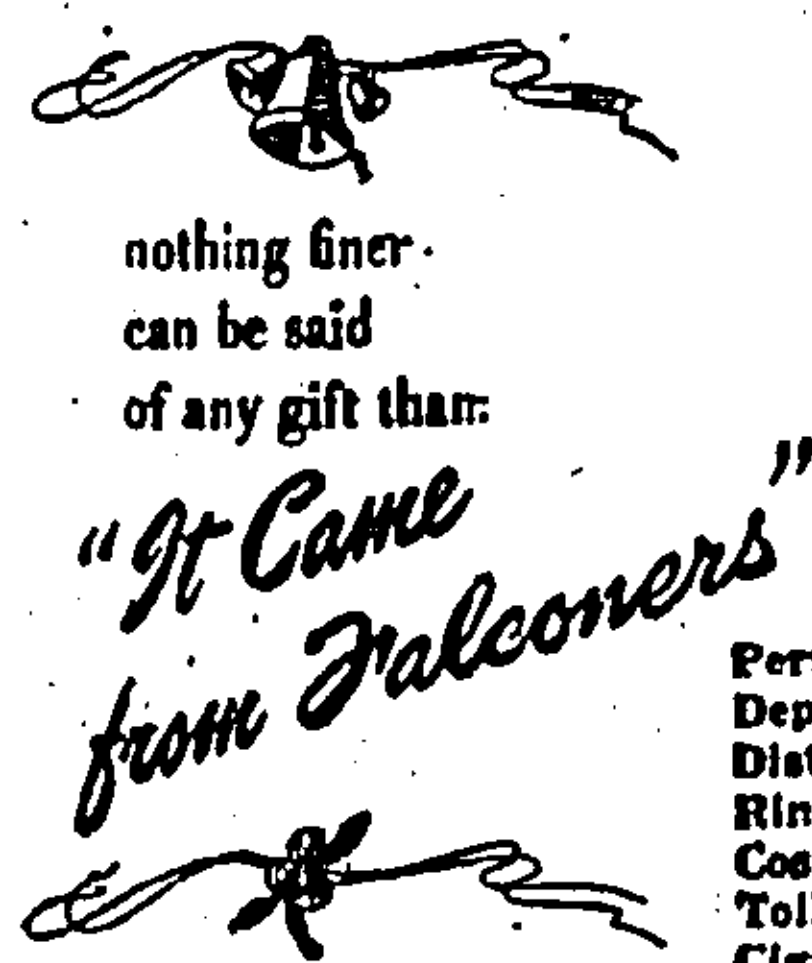
The process, called "automation," was described to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers by Leven L. Bean, Director of production engineering of a division of the Ford Motor Company.

Hands and fingers electrically operated take the bushings from one operation to another. They have a delicate and accurate touch better than human handling. Delays and inefficiencies due to human causes are avoided and no human effort is needed beyond spot inspections to see that quality is maintained, he said.

The "brain" goes to work when the bushings slide down an incline to be loaded onto trays, with the thinner ends in slots. The brain detects any turns about any bushings pointed the wrong way. Any pieces coming down fall into an opening and straighten up to fall slant-end first into the trays.

Final inspection also is done automatically. It detects differences in coatings 10 times thinner than a sheet of newspaper, Bean said.

"Automation" is a word coined to mean automatic handling of parts in manufacture. Bean said the system is the nearest approach to complete "automation."—Associated Press.



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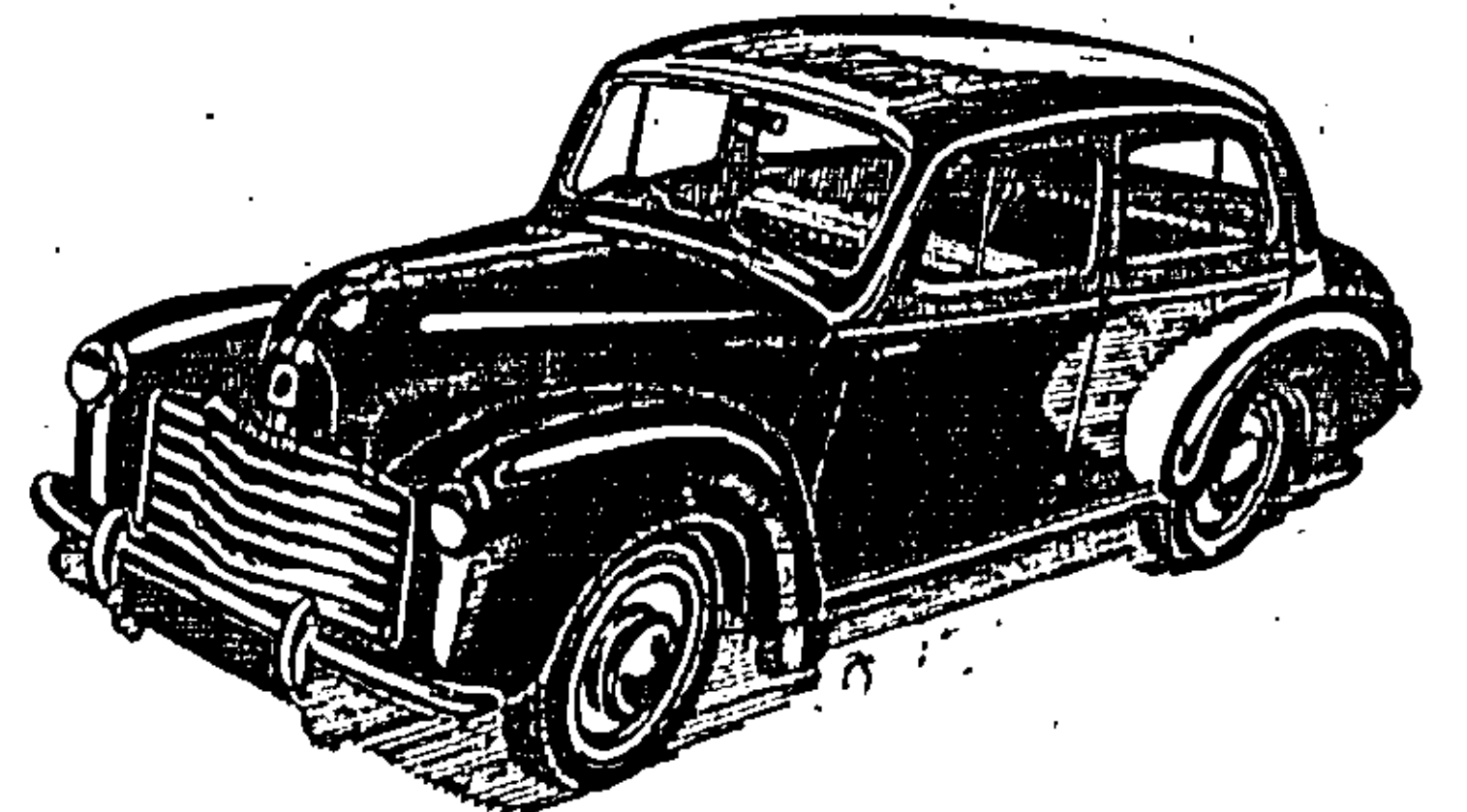
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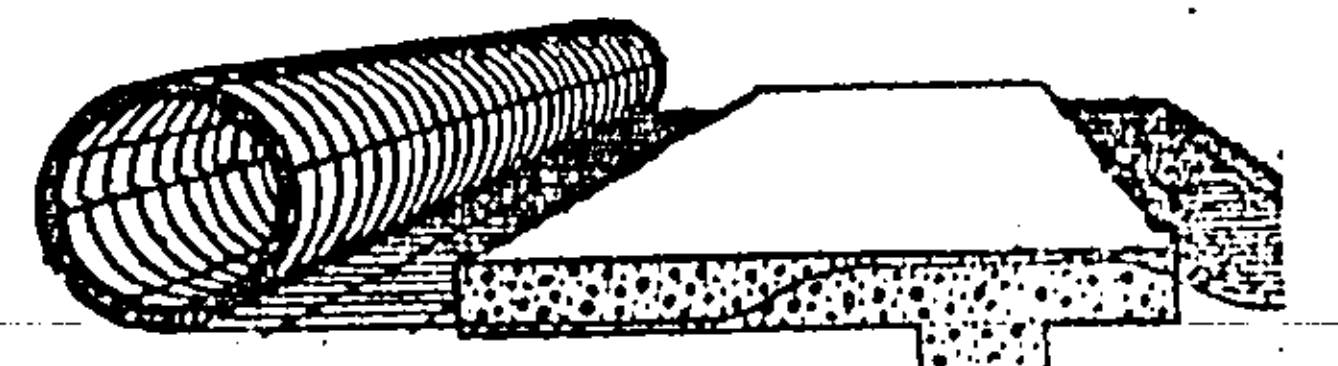


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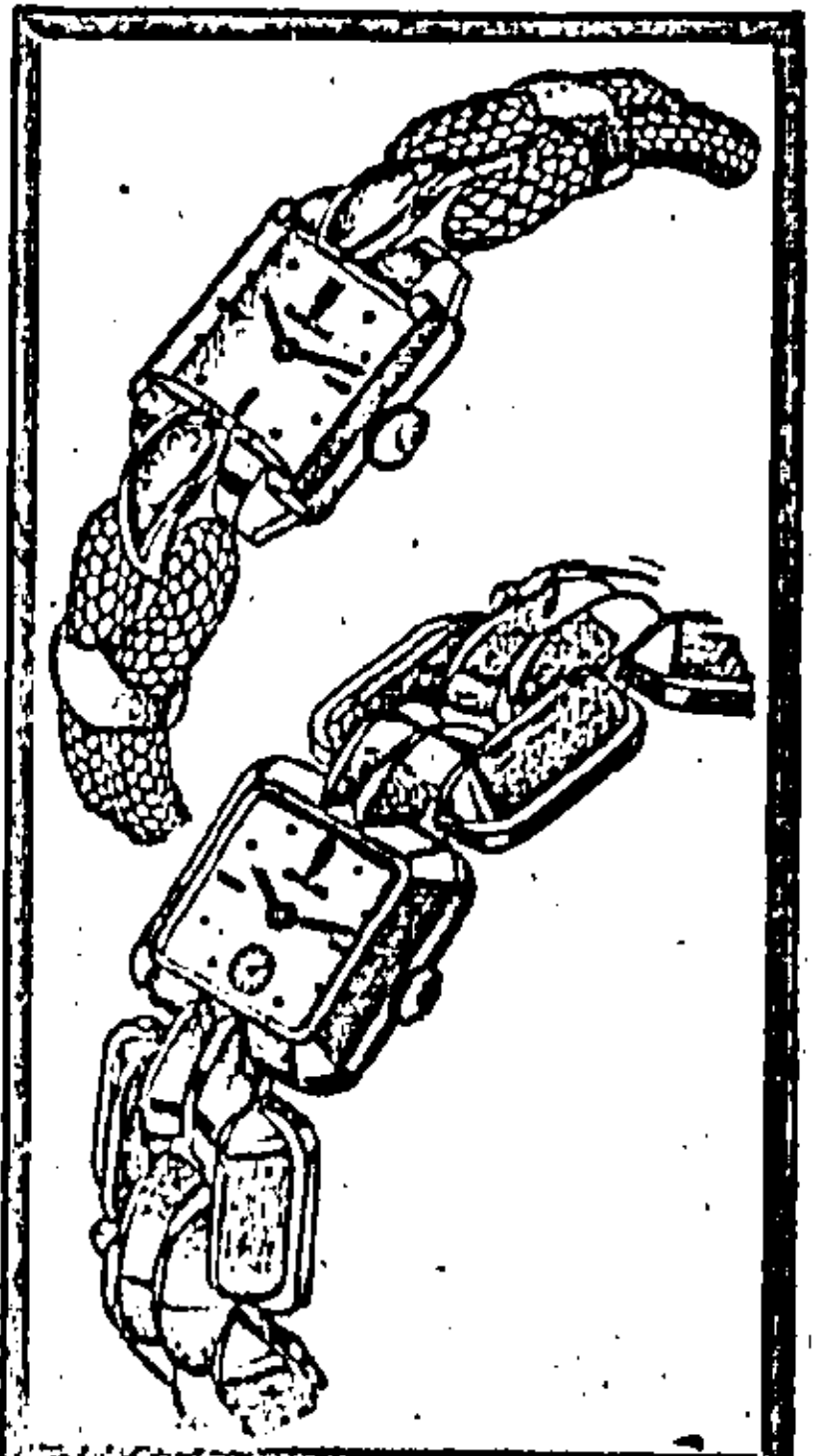
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MACARTHUR'S COMMAND TO BE REGROUPED

Washington, December 29.

The U.S. Army said last night that it is withdrawing
a portion of its troop strength from Korea.
There are indications that the force may be reduced
by as much as one half.

It announced plans for a
general regrouping of U.S.
Army forces serving under
General Douglas MacArthur,
including the transfer of the
Seventh Infantry Division from
Korea to Japan.

The current reduction and re-
grouping of forces in Korea, of
which the United States and
Russia each occupy half, is made
possible by several factors, the
announcement said, including:
Establishment in the U.S. zone
of a government for the Republic
of Korea; its assumption of re-
sponsibilities; the United Nations
declaration on December 12 that
the Government is the only law-
ful one in Korea; the ability of
the Korean constabulary, civil
police and coast guard to handle
the recent uprising at Yosu, in
Southern Korea.

UN Resolution

The Army said: "In the con-
templated regrouping of forces,
troops of the 7th Infantry Divi-
sion will be moved from Korea
to Japan in several echelons to
replace the 11th airborne Divi-
sion which is being moved to
the United States for tentative
station at Camp Campbell,
Kentucky."

There was no announcement of
the total U.S. Army strength in
Korea. About 30,000 troops were
there last May.

If the Seventh Division is at
full strength, about 15,000, this
would mean that half the total
strength will be moved out of
Korea.

This Army statement said, "The
changes, when completed, will be
in consonance with a United Na-
tions resolution calling for oc-
cupying troops of the United
States and of Soviet Russia to be
withdrawn from Korea as early
as practicable."

Russian occupation forces
stationed in Northern Korea have
been withdrawing. The Russians
said in September that all Soviet
troops would be out by January
1, 1949.

Red Force

The Red Army in Korea has
been substantially larger than

the American. In addition,
Russia has trained and equip-
ped a Korean force estimated
as high as 200,000 men. It has
been estimated that the Ameri-
can trained security forces in
the South number 60,000 at the
most.

When Russia proposed in Sep-
tember that all occupation forces
be withdrawn, the suggestion was
viewed here as a manoeuvre to
open the way for Northern
Korean Communists to dominate
the country. The U.S. has made
it plain it has no intention of
leaving the country for the pre-
sent.

The two powers have occupied
the country since late in World
War II and have failed to agree
on a single government for the
whole country. As a result,
Northern and Southern regimes
have been set up.—Associated
Press.

America To Recognise Republic

Washington, December 29.

Authoritative quarters in-
dicate the United States soon
may grant full recognition to
the Republic of Korea Govern-
ment.

The action is expected as a re-
sult of the United Nations ap-
proval of the elections in South-
ern Korea and the establishment
of the Government in Seoul.

While informed sources decline
to give details, it is indicated that
recognition will be granted soon
after January 1, with John Mue-
cio simultaneously becoming Am-
bassador. Mr. Muecio now is the
American presidential representa-
tive at Seoul.

A Korean Ambassador to the
U.S. is expected to take over

Sun Fo Denies A H.K. Story

Nanking, December 29.
The new Government
spokesman, Mr. Shen Chang-
huan, in his first statement,
said:

"I am authorised by the
Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, to deny
categorically a foreign press
report from Hong Kong
alleging that general Li
Chai-sum stated that Dr.
Sun sent a representative to
Hong Kong to negotiate with
him on peace terms with the
Communists. Dr. Sun said he
is interested to know the
name of the person who
claims to be his representa-
tive."

The statement referred to
a Hong Kong despatch,
which was not carried by
the Associated Press, saying
that general Li claimed that
a representative of Dr. Sun
Fo had approached him for
peace terms.—Associated
Press.

BURMESE EXPORT OF RICE

Rangoon, December 29.
Burma expects to be able to
export 1,250,000 tons of rice
during 1949 from her new crop
under harvesting.

Reporting this yesterday, U
Tin, chairman of the State
Agricultural Marketing Board,
said 800,000 tons will be export-
ed in the first half of next year.
The first shipment of the new
crop will start in January with
the export of 80,000 tons. This
is an increase of 30,000 tons
over the original estimate.—As-
sociated Press.

here at the same time. His name
has not yet been disclosed.

It is understood that the
Korean presidential representa-
tive, Choung Pyung Ok, is
not being made Ambassador

and is returning to Seoul soon.
It is also indicated in informed
quarters that reported further
U.S. troop withdrawals from
Korea are strictly in accordance
with prearranged plans and in no
wise indicate that all U.S. forces
are leaving that area. It is ad-
ded that the remaining troops pos-
sibly may be a combat team
which will remain until their
withdrawal is practicable.—As-
sociated Press.

CONTROL OF RUHR

AGREEMENT IMPROVES ANGLO-FRENCH HOPES

Washington, December 28.

British and French hopes have been raised that the
United States may eventually agree to a re-
vision of American plans to halt dismantling in
Germany.

This follows the conciliatory tone of the Ruhr agree-
ment, which was announced today.

The chief interest in the
Ruhr agreement meanwhile
centres on the precise impor-
tance to be attached to the
reference to the offer of a
40-year non-aggression pact
for Germany.

American officials said a men-
tion of it was inserted as a fur-
ther gesture to French fears
about security.

The fact that it comes after
yesterday's disclosure by the
American Secretary of the Army,
Mr. Kenneth Royall, that he had
been asked to increase American
troop strength in Europe is re-
garded as additionally significant.

German political leaders in
Berlin are unwilling to give
immediate comment on the
Ruhr agreement. The Soviet
licensed news agency, ADN,
carried a story from London
headed: "Western Allied con-
trol in perpetuity."

Workable Plan

A British spokesman in Berlin
said it is still uncertain when
the Ruhr Authority will take
over, but it will not be later than
the establishment of a German
Government.

The Ruhr agreement was de-
scribed in political quarters at
The Hague as a decided improve-
ment on the original draft and a
notable example of friendly in-
ternational collaboration.

It is generally felt in The
Netherlands that the six powers
have produced a workable plan,
accompanied by adequate safe-
guards.

Paris sees the Ruhr agreement
as a satisfactory step towards
the organisation of European
security and co-operation.

M. Herve Alphand, head of
France's delegation at the Ruhr
talks, declared the agreement is
not a compromise because you
cannot compromise on principles.
The door is open for further
progress.

M. Alphand said France still
takes the view that the pro-

President Keeps 'Em Guessing

Kansas City, December 28.
President Truman refused to
elaborate today on his surprise
statement yesterday that certain
leaders in Russia are exceed-
ingly anxious to settle differ-
ences with the United States.

He was approached by report-
ers at the end of his daily be-
fore-breakfast walk at his home
in Independence, Missouri, and
asked:

"There has been a lot of spec-
ulation about your statement,
Mr. President. Could you
clarify?"

He answered with a smile:
"You will just have to con-
tinue to speculate."

Accounts of the President's
speech were broadcast to Russia
today by the State Department's
"Voice of America" Radio.

It was left to conjecture whe-
ther he spoke on the spur of the
moment or was following a
course chartered by his diploma-
tic advisers.—Reuter.

CNAC SERVICE TO TOKYO

Shanghai, December 29.

The China National Aviation
Corporation will inaugurate a
weekly Shanghai-Tokyo service
on January 7, the CNAC an-
nounced.

A DC-4 will make the 5½
hour trip to Tokyo every Friday,
returning on Saturday.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Yen Hsi-shan In Defiant Mood

Nanking, December 29.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shansi, seems
to be the most determined and confident of
the Nationalist commanders.

In an interview tonight, the
66-year-old defender of Tai-
yuan announced his determina-
tion to defend his provincial
capital to the last.

Taiyuan, the dogged defence
of which has amazed China, is
widely considered a doomed city.
Marshal Yen shows but slight
interest in the clamour for peace.

He said "I care neither for
victory nor defeat. My responsi-

bility is to defend the city and
defend it to the last."

Marshal Yen said that if or-
dered to evacuate the city he
would explain to the Government
why he should not do so and de-
finitely would not evacuate.

His most urgent need is food
and other supplies, a subject
which he discussed today with
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Marshal Yen predicted a
seventh Red attack on Taiyuan
and added "We are prepared for
it."

Asked whether he agreed
with the peace movement, he
said "It is not a question of
whether you agree or not but
whether it is possible or not.
It takes two sides to make
peace. Peace would be ideal
and the Government desires it
but we are forced to fight."

Marshal Yen declared that his
conference with the Generalissimo
(at which the Premier, Dr. Sun
Fo, the Vice-Premier, Wu
Teh-chun, and the Minister without
Portfolio, General Chang Chun,
were present) did not discuss the
problem of war or peace.—
United Press.

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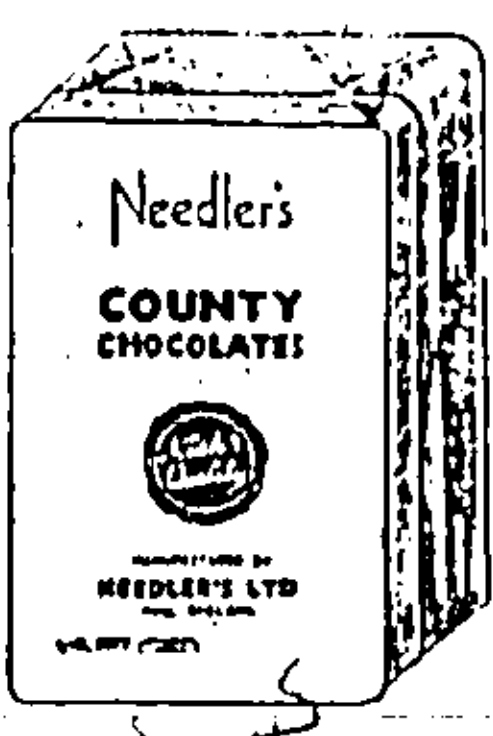
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CHINESE REDS' OPPOSITION TO CATHOLICS

Vatican City, December 28.

The Chinese Communists are following the same pattern of persecution of the Catholic Church as that prevailing in other Communist-controlled countries.

Officials of the Mission News Service of the Congregation of Propagation of the Faith said this today.

Juveniles Fined For Hawking

Of the 50 juveniles brought before Mr. W. H. Latham at the Kowloon Juvenile Court yesterday, three boys were found to have been expelled from the Colony a few months ago.

Two beggars, aged 9 and 11, were sent out of Hong Kong on May 25, and a 12-year-old destitute was expelled on November 13 last year and again on August 9 last. They were all ordered to be re-expelled.

For playing the trade of a boot-black, two boys, aged 15 and 10, were fined \$5, or four strokes, each. They were arrested in the Tsatshui area. The same penalty was passed on a 14-year-old boy charged with hawking in the Shumshui area, and on a 15-year-old youth who admitted having ridden his bicycle on the footpath.

The remainder of the juvenile delinquents, aged from 7 to 15, and including 10 girls (two of whom were seven and eight years old, respectively), were charged with hawking without a licence.

For this attempt to make a living, some of the boys were fined \$12 and some \$10 or five strokes, while the girls were ordered to pay \$5 each or be detained for three days.

Summoned For Storing Combustibles

Twenty-two Chinese firms and four European firms were summoned for storing dangerous goods without permission from the Chief of the Fire Brigade, before Mr. Horace and Mrs. Edna Ho sitting at the Justice of Peace Court at Central yesterday.

For storing 14 drums of Turpentine, C. E. Terry of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited was fined HK\$300. Mr. Terry was also cautioned for storing 457 drums of Caustic Soda.

A fine of HK\$50 was imposed on Mr. Hagemann of Getz Brothers for storing 292 drums of Caustic Soda, and C.B. Carroll of Anker B. Henningsen was cautioned for storing 250, 50 lb. cylinders of Carbon Dioxide.

The 22 Chinese firms were fined HK\$50 for storing Caustic Soda in various godowns in the Western district.

Gaol Term For Owner Of Divan

Sentences totalling 18 months' hard labour, to be followed by deportation for life, were passed on Leung Fai when he was convicted by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charges of keeping a heroin divan, possession of two heroin pills, and possession of a heroin pipe.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that Sub-Inspector Holmes raided 91 Tai Nam Street, first floor, on Tuesday night, and there found accused and four smokers on the premises.

Defendant, who pleaded that he was only a heroin smoker and that the paraphernalia seized by the police were for his own use, appeared non-plussed when the four men charged with him pleaded guilty to smoking heroin in his divan.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$290.37 1/2 a tael and closed at \$295.36. Highest and lowest rates of the day were \$297 and \$295.12 1/2.

U.S. dollars dropped to HK\$5 in the morning but was a cent higher at the close.

The slump in Gold Yuan continued. It was down to 3.3 cents yesterday after opening at 3.5 cents. It improved to 3.6 cents at the close.

Canton remittances were down to 3 cents and Shanghai remittances to 3.25 cents. They closed at 3.2 cents and 3.7 cents respectively.

Strives opened at HK\$7.00 a 100 and closed at \$7.35 after they had been down to \$7.30.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$25.10 a 100.

NET Guilders opened at HK\$35.00 a 100 and closed at \$35.50.

Sterling ceased off slightly to HK\$15.16 and Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.53.

The agency's weekly bulletins recounted tales of the arrest of priests and nuns, damage to churches and church property and execution of priests after trials before people's courts.

One bulletin said: "The strength of the Catholic religion, its universality, vast and profound culture and centralisation of the Church have made a great impression on the Chinese Communists. They saw in Catholicism a powerful obstacle to diffusion of their doctrines. It is therefore natural that the Chinese Communist Party should declare the death sentence of the Church."

Another bulletin said: "The bloody winter of 1947-48 in Communist regions will remain in the annals of China as a period of intense persecution."

"People's courts framed accusations, confiscation of churches and hospitals, astronomical fines, torture, imprisonments, murder, destruction and massacre and, not the least important, the death march of the Trappists in Yantaping."

Death March

The death march referred to the trek of 75 priests and seminarians from Yantaping Abbey near Peiping into Communist-held villages. The captives were blindfolded and tied, were loaded during the march. Thirty-three of them were killed by Communists, the bulletin alleges, and the fate of the others is unknown. The priests were charged before people's courts with saving and aiding Japanese, sympathy for the Kuomintang, and espionage for the Nationalist Government.

The bulletins said Communist pressure on the Church was harshest in areas long controlled by the Communists. In newly-conquered areas, persecution was milder, the bulletins said. They alleged that foreign missionaries sometimes suffered from Communist treatment, being considered priests.

Fate Unknown

The bulletin for July 1948 told of 25 nuns of the Precious Blood, five Americans and five Canadians, who were received by the United States Consular authorities at Tientsin after six months of captivity in Communist prisons.

Another bulletin for the same month told of the release of Bishop Quentin Passera, 62, apostolic prefect of Kiangchow, and four nuns and Father Dominus Ruys, all Dutch, from the Communist prison at Kiangchow in Shanghai Province.

The fate of many Catholic priests is still unknown, they said, and no word of 70 missionaries of Tientsin has reached the Catholic authorities since the Communists occupied the area in 1948.—United Press.

Interpreter Found In Opium Divan

"I am surprised at you, a police interpreter, being found in an opium divan," declared Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, when he gave two defendants in an opium smoking case the benefit of the doubt and discharged them.

They were Wan Fak-kan, police interpreter stationed at Shaukwan, and Leung Hon, both of whom were arrested in an opium divan on the third floor of No. 3 Tai Yuen Street on the morning of December 7.

The prosecution was conducted by Chief Detective Inspector J. Johnston and defendants were represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths, who pleaded not guilty on their behalf.

Questioned by his counsel, Wan said he is a police interpreter attached to Shaukwan police Station and joined the service in 1932.

On the day in question he was off duty at 9 a.m. and leaving the station proceeded to Wanchai to interview the master of a coffin shop for the purpose of getting a bargain price for some exhumation work.

He could not find this man at his shop but was told where to find him and went to 3 Tai Yuen Street, third floor where he found him smoking opium.

Seeing the place used as a divan, he requested him to leave and adjourn to a tea house where they could discuss business, but his friend urged him to stay until he had finished smoking.

Almost immediately, he said, the police arrived and he was arrested together with the others.

India And Pakistan Agree On Kashmir

Karachi, December 29.

Quarters close to the Azad Kashmir leaders reveal that an agreement has been reached between India and Pakistan on the following points for a settlement of the Kashmir dispute.

- 1.—Withdrawal of Indian and Pakistan troops to their respective areas simultaneously after a cease fire.
- 2.—Indian-occupied territory is to be under Sheikh Abdullah's rule while the Pakistan-occupied areas will be administered by the Azad Kashmir leaders.
- 3.—A plebiscite by adult franchise.
- 4.—The appointment of a UN administrator over the whole of Jammu Kashmir state to set up the machinery to hold a fair and just plebiscite.—Associated Press.

CARDINAL SAID INVOLVED IN HIGH TREASON

Budapest, December 28.

Cardinal Mindszenty, the arrested Primate of Hungary, was accused by the Hungarian Government tonight of plotting to set up an American-sponsored Central European kingdom after a third world war, when Hungary is occupied by Western forces.

A Ministry of the Interior communique alleged that the Cardinal had discussed the plan at a secret meeting with Archduke Otto of Hapsburg, Pretender to the Austrian throne.

The meeting, it said, was held in a monastery near Chicago and the Cardinal reported on the talk to Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

It named other leading royalists and certain foreign powers as being involved in the alleged plot to restore the Hapsburg Dynasty to the throne.

Governor To Present Insignia

A presentation of insignia will be made by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at Government House today to local residents to whom honours have been awarded.

Insignia will be presented to the following:

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SEM Mr. Mohamed Yousif Khan.

King's Commendation for Brave Conduct: Mr. Cheung Mau-sau and Mr. Yut Yan-sien.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs issued by the Labour Office for the week ended December 25 follow:

Rice and Flour	7.5 cwt HK\$4.800
Vegetables	1.0 " 1.150
Salt Cabbage	2 " 1.000
Oil	2 " 1.450
Tea	2 " .950
Salt Fish	3 " .920
Fish	4 " 1.020
Pork	3 " .780
Firewood	10.0 " .820
Beans Cured, 14 pieces	2.000

Total HK\$12.630

The average of the food and fuel figures for the weeks ended December 4 and 25 is HK\$12.5010.

The Rehabilitation Allowance for the month of January, 1949 will therefore be:

Daily-paid Workers: Artisans HK\$2.00 a day; Coolies HK\$2.35 a day; Females HK\$1.75 a day.

Monthly-paid Workers: Males HK\$61.00 a month; Females \$57.75 a month.

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Other allegations against the Cardinal are:

That he had sold US\$50,000 on the Hungarian black market, most of the money having been given to Prince Paul Esterhazy.

That he wrote to a Minister of a Western power asking him to prevent the return to Hungary of the Holy Crown of St. Stephen (the first King of Hungary), which is now said to be held by the American forces in Germany; and

That he established close personal relations with the Minister of a great power in Budapest in order to reach his aims.

Smear Campaign

In Washington, a United States Government official tonight described the charges against Cardinal Mindszenty as an endeavour to smear the Cardinal.

"We have every reason to think they would resort to any charge to discredit the Cardinal," he added.

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"TJIBADAK" In port	to Javaports & Macassar, 3rd February.
"TJITALENGKA" from Macassar & Javaports, 22nd Jan.	to Javaports & Macassar, 3rd March.

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SINGAPORE WHARVES BACK TO PRE-WAR EFFICIENCY STANDARD

Singapore, December 29.

The goods of the world once more are flowing across Singapore's docks, at the crossroads of South Pacific shipping, as fast as they did before the war.

After three years of rebuilding and rehabilitation, Singapore's Harbour Board reports that its equipment is back to pre-war standard.

It is handling as much cargo (250,000 tons per month) as it did in the average mid-1930 year, and more than 20 ocean-going ships usually are tied up at its 24 alongside berths.

Out in the vast island-surrounded Singapore Roads—one of the world's great anchorages—the picture is not so bright. About 85,000 tons per month are handled there, unloaded into barges and taken either to small coastal ships or to private sheds for storage along the little river that cuts the heart of Singapore.

Since no statistics were kept before the war on this "roads" traffic, exact comparisons are not possible. But reliable sources estimate that before the war it was three times the present volume. The Harbour Board chairman, Henry Baston, says the traffic then was certainly considerably more.

Major Improvements
The drop, Mr. Baston believes, is due mainly to unsettled conditions in neighbouring South East Asia countries, especially Indonesia. Before the war Singapore was a clearing house for trade to these countries.

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Having arrived Hongkong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 29th & 30th December, 1948, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

WALLEM & CO.
Agents.
Telephone 34177-9.

London Stock Exchange

London, December 28.

SECURITIES: British, Canada, 2 1/2, 1951, 79-11/16
Consolidated Loan, 3 1/2, 1951, 106-7/16
Funding Loan, 4 1/2, 1951, 114-7/16
War Loan, 3 1/2, 1952, 103-7/16
War Loan, 3 1/2, 1952, 105-13/16
War Loan, 3 1/2, 1952, 106-3/16

INDUSTRIALS: British American Tobacco (of G.I. & Ireland) 5-12/16
Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. 4/9
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.I. & Ireland) 5-23/32

TEA SHARERS: Assam Consolidated Tea, 21/2
Assam Frontier Tea, 22/3
Assam Tea Company, 22/3
Dumra Tea Company, 16/2
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co., 16/2
Imperial Tea Company, 27/8

MINE SHARERS: Durma Corp., 5/10 1/2
Crown Mines, 3 1/2
Nambour Mines, 12 1/2
Rand Mines, 4-12/16
Spring Mines, 7 1/2
Suk Nigels, 3-11/10
Tavoy Tin Co., 1/3
Union Corporation, 20/9

OTHER SHARES: Royal Dutch Co., 21 1/2
Shell Transport & Trading Co. 3-25/32
SHELLFISH: P. & O. Steam Nav. Co., Ltd. 22/3

BONDING: Funding Loan, 3 1/2, 1951, 104 1/2
National War Bonds, 2 1/2, 1951, 103-23/32

SAVINGS: 1952/54, 103 1/2
1954/56, 103-7/16
1956/58, 102-11/16

FOREIGN BONDS: French Govt. Bonds, 1 1/2, 1950, 105-0/10
Redemption Bonds, 3 1/2, 1946/96, 104 1/2

GERMAN: German Govt. Bonds, 1 1/2, 1951, 7 1/2
Japanese Govt. Bonds, 1947/49, 29 1/2
Japanese Govt. Bonds, 1947/49, 29 1/2

CHINESE: Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 5 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 5 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 5 1/2

INDIA: India Govt. Bonds, 1 1/2, 1951, 12 1/2
India Govt. Bonds, 1 1/2, 1951, 12 1/2
India Govt. Bonds, 1 1/2, 1951, 12 1/2

STERLING: Sterling Bonds, 1 1/2, 1951, 11 1/2

Notice To Consignees

M.V. "AGAPENOR"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on December 30 and 31, 1948, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, Dec. 30, 1948.

Notice To Consignees

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Consignees per Company's s.s. "GORDLAND"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 23, 1949, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
Hong Kong, December 28, 1948.

Notice To Consignees

M.V. "SOOTHOW"

arrived 28.12.48

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.'s Godown No. 47 from 10 a.m. on 3rd and 4th January, 1949, and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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"General Gordon" (via Japan)	Jan. 30

TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

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TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON VIA PANAMA

"Dartmouth Victory" (calls Pacific Coast)	Jan. 24
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"Marine Snapper" (via Japan)	Jan. 30
"President Polk" (calls Manila)	Feb. 6

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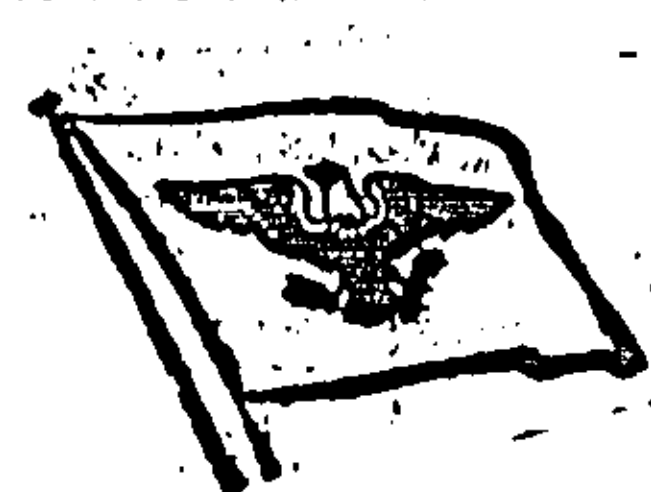
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ARRIVALS

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S.S. "BENVRACKIE"	U.K.	Mid Jan.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
S.S. "BENNEVIS"	Aden, Port Said, Haifa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	10th Jan.
S.S. "BENVRACKIE"		Mid Jan.
S.S. "BENLOMOND"		End Jan.

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M.S. "ROSEVILLE"	2nd January
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M.S. "FRANCISVILLE"	18th January
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"ALAMO VICTORY"	San Francisco	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang & Rangoon

"GOVERNOR DIXON"	Los Angeles	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang & Rangoon
"ALAMO VICTORY"	Los Angeles	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang & Rangoon

"PHILIPPINE BEAR"	San Francisco	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang & Rangoon
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S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Europe via Saigon	on or about 13th Jan.
SAILING TO		
S.S. "MANDO"	Europe via Saigon	Reg. Jan.
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Shanghai	on or about 13th Jan.
S.S. "GRONLAND"	Marcelles via Saigon	on or about 21st Dec.
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AIR AND SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

HAI YU (C.M.S.N.) 4,161 tons, 3-4 Shanghai, 22 Dec.
 VAN HOUTHOF (H.M.) 2,997 tons, 4-Hollands, 22 Dec.
 MATSUNAGA (Jardine) 2,662 tons, 22 Dec.
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On Friday, December 31, 1948, and Saturday, January 1, 1949, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon. The other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will be no delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the pillar boxes on each day.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Outward Mails

Airmail to Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada will close on Saturday, January 1, 1949, at 4:00 Hong Kong and 4:00 Kowloon. Ordinary Mails Registered Mails will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on the previous day.

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VESSLS DUE FROM

AFRICA

RUYS (H.M.) ex-S. Africa, 17 Jan.
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AMERICA

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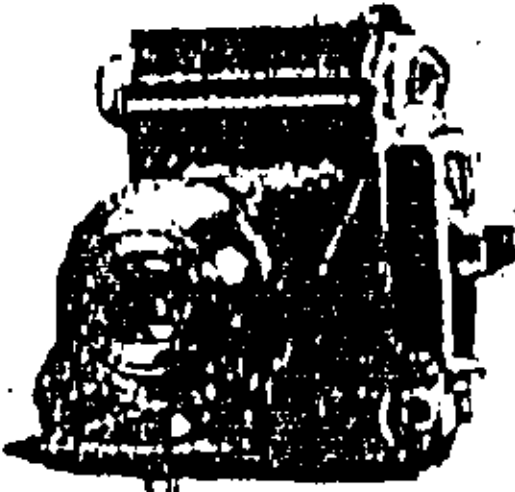
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PORTSMOUTH TO MEET BURNLEY ON SATURDAY

(By 'ALCYDES')

The first day of the New Year sees the battle for league honours renewed after a fairly easy Christmas when two league engagements were fulfilled.

Portsmouth after a brace of wins provided by erratic Chelsea, now rule the roost in the First Division, with Derby and Newcastle next, each with one point less. By chance of fixtures all three are away and, what is more their games are with lowly clubs and all are expected to win.

Portsmouth are due at Burnley, whilst Derby and Newcastle travel to Preston and Sheffield respectively.

Manchester United have gradually crept up the league table and, having earned 30 points from 24 games, now occupy fourth position. On

RAF Beat Saints In Friendly Tilt

In a friendly soccer match at Haplo Valley yesterday, afternoon, a team from the RAF beat St. Joseph's College (School League) Senior XI by four clear goals.

The game was keenly contested throughout and was free from the usual tactics of cautious and all-out play. The RAF players, both in defence and attack.

RAF took the lead 10 minutes after the start when a quick break by one of the Saints' defenders allowed Millington to nip in and score.

A shot by Hanson, which completely deceived the Saints' goalkeeper, gave the RAF their second goal.

Just before half time, A.K. Ismail netted with a powerful drive, but he was ruled off-side and the goal was disallowed.

In the second half, the schoolboys fought back doggedly to reduce the lead of their opponents, but were unsuccessful. RAF went further ahead through Draper (1) and Nichols (1).

The final whistle came with the Saints still fighting gamely.

The game was very capably handled by Bro. Cronan.

St. Joseph's: Chiu Wing-kwan, Chiu Shu-shing, Lee Wing-shiu, Yeung Yiu-hung, Lee But-bui, Arthur Lamand, Reggie Silva, Wong Kai-lau, A.K. Ismail, Lee Cheuk-sang and A.G. Ismail.

RAF: Cpl. Noble, A/C Butler, A/C Hanson, A/C West, A/C Townsend, A/C Millington, A/C Cooke, A/C Nichols, A/C O'Donnell and A/C Draper.

KCC Sports Day For Children

The Kowloon Cricket Club resumes its Annual Children's Sports on New Year's Day, marking the 35th occasion of the yearly function.

The first year of the Children's Sports organised by the KCC dates back to 1916.

In those days, the KCC was a marshy occupying part of the site now a children's playground off Cox's Path.

This function was always joyfully supported by the youngsters of the Colony who turned up in ever increasing number.

The leading clubs in the Colony have received invitations from the KCC to ask their members to bring the children along. A big gathering is expected.

The Band of the 1st Bn. Royal West Kent Regiment (The Buffs) will be in attendance by kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. B. Barry.

The racing events will begin promptly at 2 p.m. The interval between races will be from 3 to 4 p.m. when the children will be served with tea.

Presentation of prizes will follow immediately after the races.

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Articles From Flying Boat

Articles recovered near the vicinity of the damaged Catalina flying-boat which crashed East of Macao on a flight from the Portuguese Colony to Hong Kong on July 17 have been received by the Hong Kong Police Headquarters.

The items are one thin gold chain, with metal medallion, one gold ring and two silver spoons.

A Government spokesman said yesterday that any person having claim to the articles may call at the office of the Officer in Charge of Police Stores, Central Police Station, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily except holidays.

Any article not claimed within 10 days will be disposed of.

Allegations At Meet Of Soccer Referees

An allegation that the Hong Kong Football Association was not encouraging refereeing in Hong Kong was made at last night's meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association.

It was also alleged that at the HKFA Referees Sub-Committee meeting held on Thursday last to consider, protests against Mr. C. Tunstall, drinks were passed round freely and that certain members of the Committee were drinking and laughing throughout.

Mr. A.E.P. Guest, Chairman of the Referees' Association, paid tribute to the work which had been performed by Mr. Tunstall in the interest of local soccer.

He said it was his personal opinion that the HKFA Referees' Sub-Committee was wrong in trying Mr. Tunstall in the first instance, without giving him a chance to read the letters which had been sent in.

Mr. J.F. da Silva, Hon. Secretary of the Referees' Association, said that the HKFA was not encouraging refereeing in Hong Kong and quoted the attitude of the HKFA in connection with the forthcoming series of games with the Koreans as an example.

With the view of giving junior referees a chance to see senior referees in action, he had approached the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary of the HKFA enquiring whether referees could be allowed to enter the grounds free of charge.

He was told most emphatically that referees would not be allowed free of charge, as it cost money to bring the Korean team here.

Mr. Silva then referred to last Thursday's meeting of the HKFA Referees Sub-Committee and alleged that drinks were passed round freely, and that certain members of the Committee were drinking and laughing throughout.

Tunstall's conduct, said Mr. Silva, clearly illustrated the manner in which referees were being despised by the HKFA.

Mr. Silva concluded by saying that the HKFA should give every encouragement to referees in order to improve the standard of refereeing in the Colony.

Regarding admission to the Korean series of games, it was proposed by Mr. Tunstall and seconded by Mr. Day that a letter should be written to the Hon. Secretary of the HKFA on the matter.

Dealing with the HKFA Referees Sub-Committee meeting, Mr. Guest said that he believed the HKFA should have given a chance and opportunity to Mr. Tunstall to place his case before the meeting which sat.

Mr. Guest said that Mr. Tunstall had done quite a lot for football in the Colony, both on the air and as a referee.

Easily Solved

Mr. Guest said that the action to be taken by the HKFA in this matter would have to be followed very closely. It was the duty of the Referees' Association to be friendly towards the HKFA and help in every respect, not to fight. There might be feeling between the HKFA and the referees, but everything could be easily solved if matters were handled in the right way.

It was made clear by Mr. Guest that last night's meeting was not called at the request of Mr. Tunstall.

Mr. Tunstall then read out the letters which had been sent in to the HKFA by The South China

Devastating Bowling Gives Army Victory

(By "MID ON")

Devastating bowling by Stepto, backbone of the Army attack, coupled with a dashing innings by Wilson, who used the long handle to such good effect that he scored 41 in 25 minutes, including seven fours, gave the Army a nine wicket win in their Triangular Tournament match at Chater Road on Monday.

Club had first lease of the wicket, but with Stepto striking his deadliest form with the very first ball, were skittled out for a meagre 67. Top scorer was Alec Pearce whose captain's innings for 23 was of no avail, while Kerr, the opening batsman, had 21. The rest of the team offered no resistance against Stepto who gave away but 16 runs in his 10 overs, three of them maidens, for eight wickets.

The wicket looked easy when Club opened their innings with Stokes and Kerr, but although it was not exactly a wicket which one would describe as being particularly suited to Stepto's type of bowling, the

latter maintained such an accurate length throughout his 10 overs that it was, well-nigh impossible to get him away.

Jones, on the other hand, could not get going and after three overs he was wisely taken off in favour of Banton, who pegged away steadily at the opposite end to Stepto and between them they got Club out for 87.

After Club were out it was just a question of how many wickets (or how few) Army would lose before they knocked off the required runs. This they did after only one man had been sent back to the Pavilion, for Jones (41) and Banton (44) gave the Army a nine-wicket win with a fine second wicket partnership which produced 88 runs.

Stout-Hearted Bowling Thereafter everybody had a dip, Wilson hitting out at anything and everything that came his way to score 41 in 25 minutes. Pearce bowled stout-heartedly to take five wickets for 37 runs in eight overs—a truly good performance in view of the fact that he went on after the match had been lost and won, and when everybody was having a "go".

At Indian RC on Boxing Day, the European Staff and Local Staff, Hong Kong Electric Company, had their twenty-fifth annual encounter. This match was featured by a first wicket partnership which realised 150 runs. A.G. Gardner (50) and R. de Home (88), being responsible.

The bowling of the Locals was rather on the loose side but this did not by any means detract from the feats of the opening bats, both of whom brought off some very crisp shots. It was left to A.R. Minu, the veteran IRC and former Interport left-hand spinner, to break this partnership when he went on late.

M. I. Razack (38) and S. H. Khan (40) gave the Locals a good start until the former was run out through a somewhat selfish call by Khan, which was a great pity, as "Duffy" Razack appeared well on his way to a really big score.

Bill Stoker, captain of the European staff, persuaded himself to bowl somewhat late in the afternoon and he proceeded to take four wickets for three runs, although A.K. Minu and Sami Rumbhant sat on the splic and defied all attack to give the Locals a draw.

Honours Were Even After the game another match was started in the Pavilion and this went on until the wee small hours. According to all reports here again honours were even. It was during this latter encounter that the discovery was made that "Patty" Minu was the possessor of a fine baritone which echoed and re-echoed all over Sookunpoo. He held the fort for the Locals while Messrs. Stoker and Stoker were in charge of the offensive for the European Staff.

Another enjoyable game was seen at Cox's Path on Boxing Day when Kowloon beat Navy by six wickets while the Bachelors of Craigengower CC beat the Benedicts in their annual encounter by 10 runs.

At Sookunpoo, on Xmas Day, IRC members over 35 years of age beat the younger members by seven wickets. The latter, who had to meet the tiffin and tea bills, have issued a challenge for a return match on New Year's Day, this being readily accepted by the Over 35's who are looking forward to another enjoyable and inexpensive way of spending a holiday.

Permission to make payment in sterling to any soft currency country for linen-piece-goods will similarly be granted only on surrender of United States currency equivalent to 70 per cent of the invoice value, and to any hard currency country only on surrender of United States Currency equivalent to the full invoice value. It was added.

The rugby match between Club and 28th Field Regiment RA on the Club Ground yesterday afternoon resulted in a win for Club by 11 points to three.

NEW RULING ON IMPORT

Import Licences for linen piece-goods from the United Kingdom will in future be issued only against surrender to the local Exchange Control of United States currency equivalent to 70 per cent of the invoice value of the goods. It was officially announced yesterday.

Permission to make payment in sterling to any soft currency country for linen-piece-goods will similarly be granted only on surrender of United States currency equivalent to 70 per cent of the invoice value, and to any hard currency country only on surrender of United States Currency equivalent to the full invoice value. It was added.

The annual Hong Kong University Past Year Present cricket match will be played on New Year's Day at the Craigengower Cricket Ground at 11 a.m. sharp.

The following will represent the Undergraduates:—B.A. Vanner (Captain), Le-Tu, Bide, J. M. Goanor, T. Lo, D. G. Honan, H. Amann, S. M. Teh, T. H. Lean, C. L. Huang, D. Chelliah, J. C. Koh and 12th man E. Ho. Scorers: Miss I. F. Osmund.

South Africa's Spirited Reply In Test Match

Johannesburg, December 29.

South Africa are making a spirited reply to England's first innings total of 608 in the second Test Match.

Fighting back after losing Dudley Nourse's wicket for the addition of one run today, they were 178 for three wickets at lunch time.

Bruce Mitchell, one of the finest defensive batsmen in the world, and Walter Wade, the wicket-keeper, by resolute and correct methods, wore down the English attack on an unbroken fourth wicket stand of 82.

At the interval, Mitchell was 82 not out, Wade 40 not out. Doug Wright had given England a good send off by getting Nourse leg before for 32 with the fourth ball of his first over, a googly which nipped through.

Scores: England 1st Innings: L. Hutter, Wade, b McCarthy 150; C. Washbrook, b Beattie 50; McCarthy 195; J. Crapp, c and b Mitchell 50; D. Compton, c Mitchell 114; F. Mann, c McCarthy, b Mann 7; A. Walker, b Wade, b Mann 7; F. Mann, c McCarthy, b Mann 7; T.G. Evans, run out 16; R. Rowan, c Wade, b A. B. 10; A. Fedser, b McCarthy 23; C. Gladwin, lbw Dawson 23; D. Wright not out 13; Extras 13.

Total 608

Well Known Softball Player Weds

A well known local Softball player, Miss Thelma Colloco, was married at Rosary Church, Kowloon, yesterday to Chief Petty Officer Horace Arthur William Bennett, of HMS Sussex.

The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Colloco. She was dressed in white tulle, with a short veil, and carried a bouquet of gladioli.

The bridesmaid was Jacqueline Brown, who wore a tulle frock of crushed strawberry and carried a spray of sweet peas.

The bridegroom, who comes from Monmouth, was attended by Engineer Officer William Willshire, of HMS Sussex, as best man.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. F. Colloco, and was attended by Mr. H. C. Brown. A reception was held after the ceremony at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. H. C. Brown, at Black Head, after which the couple left for their honeymoon at Reims Bay.

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